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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
08V-047

Subject: SADDLEBAG LATCH

Dear MR. HAGIE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kawasaki Motor Corp., U.S.A.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

KAWASAKI/ZG1400A8F/2008
KAWASAKI/ZG1400A8FL/2008
KAWASAKI/ZG1400B8F/2008
KAWASAKI/ZG1400B8FL/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-047

Mfg's Report Date: January 23, 2008

Components: EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4,645

Summary:

KAWASAKI IS RECALLING 4,645 MY 2008 ZG1400A8F, ZG1400A8FL, ZG1400B8F, AND ZG1400B8FL MOTORCYCLES. THE PIVOT PIN FOR THE LATCHES THAT SECURE THE SADDLEBAGS TO THE VEHICLE CAN BREAK IF FORCE IS APPLIED TO EITHER SADDLEBAG SUCH AS IN THE EVENT THE VEHICLE FALLS OVER WHILE PARKED OR IF THE SADDLEBAG IS IMPROPERLY ATTACHED.

Consequence:

CONTINUED USE OF THE VEHICLE WITH EITHER SADDLEBAG LATCH BROKEN CAN RESULT IN THE SADDLEBAG COMING FREE OF ITS MOUNT DURING VEHICLE OPERATION, CREATING THE POSSIBILITY OF A CRASH RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE SADDLEBAG LATCH ASSEMBLIES FREE OF CHARGE WITH REINFORCED LATCHES. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING FEBRUARY 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KAWASAKI AT 866-802-9381.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at Patricia.wallace@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement