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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215paw
08V-249

SUBJECT: IGNITION SWITCH WIRING HARNESS

DEAR MR. BUSH:

This letter serves to acknowledge American Suzuki Motor Corporation'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:
SUZUKI/GSX1300RK8/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-249

Mfg's Report Date: June 2, 2008

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: IGNITION: SWITCH

Potential Number of Units Affected: 9,109

Summary:

AMERICAN SUZUKI IS RECALLING 9,109 MY 2008 GSX1300RK8 MOTORCYCLES. IMPROPER ROUTING OF THE IGNITION SWITCH WIRING HARNESS CAN CAUSE A BENT PORTION OF THE WIRING HARNESS TO FLEX RATHER THAN SLIDE WHEN THE HANDLEBAR IS MOVED FROM RIGHT TO LEFT OR LEFT TO RIGHT. REPEATED SIDE-TO-SIDE MOVEMENT OF THE HANDLEBAR, AND FLEXING OF THE BENT PORTION WIRING HARNESS, CAN EVENTUALLY CAUSE THE IGNITION SWITCH LEAD WIRES TO BECOME CUT OR BROKEN.

Consequence:

THIS CAN RESULT IN INTERMITTENT OR COMPLETE LOSS OF ELECTRICAL POWER, WHICH CAN RESULT IN LOSS OF LIGHTING AND/OR STALLING OF THE ENGINE, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE LOWER PORTION OF THE IGNITION SWITCH (WHICH CONTAINS THE IGNITION SWITCH LEAD WIRES) AND WILL MAKE SURE THAT THE WIRING HARNESS IS PROPERLY ROUTED. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JUNE 10, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT AMERICAN SUZUKI AT 1-800-255-2550.

Notes:

SUZUKI RECALL NO. 2A05. 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 except for the following items:

Please provide us with the beginning build date for the vehicles affected by this recall.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person", written in a cursive style.

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