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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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08V-473

SUBJECT: FUEL FILLER CAP

DEAR MR. HAGIE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kawasaki Motors 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/VN900C8F/2008
KAWASAKI/VN900D8F/2008
KAWASAKI/VN900B9F/2009
KAWASAKI/VN900B9FL/2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-473

Mfg's Report Date: September 9, 2008

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE: STORAGE: TANK ASSEMBLY:
FUEL PIPE AND CAP

Potential Number of Units Affected: 604

Summary:

KAWASAKI IS RECALLING 604 MY 2008 VULCAN VN900C8F, VN900D8F, AND MY 2009 VN900B9F, AND VN900B9FL MOTORCYCLES. FUEL CAN LEAK FROM BETWEEN THE TANK FILLER NECK AND THE FUEL CAP GASKET.

Consequence:

FUEL LEAKAGE IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE CAN RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE FUEL TANK. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KAWASAKI AT 1-949-770-0400.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Wallace".

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