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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215paw
08V-623

SUBJECT: REAR BRAKE PEDAL

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

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-623

Mfg's Report Date: November 20, 2008

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC: PEDALS AND LINKAGES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4,628

Summary:

KAWASAKI IS RECALLING 4,628 MY ZG1400A8F/A8FL, AND ZG1400B8F/B8FL MOTORCYCLES. TRAPPED ROAD DEBRIS MAY INTERFERE WITH FREE MOVEMENT OF THE REAR BRAKE PEDAL, PREVENTING FULL RELEASE OF THE REAR BRAKE.

Consequence:

THIS CAN CAUSE OVERHEATING DAMAGE AND POSSIBLE BRAKE FAILURE INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

KAWASAKI HAS NOT YET PROVIDED A REMEDY PLAN FOR THIS RECALL. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 8, 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 except for the following items:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the build date range of motorcycles affected by this recall.

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', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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