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Mr. Daniel C. Smith Associate Administrator for Enforcement National Highway Traffic Safety Administration 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: <u>Defect Information Report; Motion Pro, Inc.</u>

Dear Mr. Smith:

Through the undersigned, Motion Pro, Inc., is submitting the enclosed Defect Information Report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.

Motion Pro has determined that certain aftermarket brake levers that it imported contain a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety when installed on certain Suzuki motorcycles.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 202-263-3232 or Ken Weinstein at 202-263-3259.

Sincerely,

Erika Z. Jones

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Enclosure

RECEIVED 2008 AUGUST 15 OFFICE OF DEFECTS INVESTIGATION RECALL MGMT DIV.

DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer's name/address:

The manufacturer of the items of equipment covered by this Report is:

JOCKEY CYCLE TRAFFIC SUPPLY CO. LTD. No. 8, Lane 56, Changho Road, Sec Changhua Taiwan 500, Republic of China

The items were imported by:

Motion Pro, Inc. 867 American Street San Carlos, CA 94070

2. Items of Equipment Involved:

The items of equipment covered by this Report are aftermarket brake levers that were designed for use on certain models of model year (MY) 1999-2008 Suzuki motorcycles. The specific models are identified in Attachment A to this Report. Motion Pro is still evaluating the scope of potentially affected motorcycles, and will supplement this report as more information becomes available. The brake levers were also designed for use on certain Yamaha model motorcycles; however, Motion Pro believes that these models do not experience the issue and are therefore not covered by this Report at this time. Motion Pro is continuing its evaluation of whether the Yamaha motorcycles should be added to the scope of this report and will supplement this report as appropriate.

The Motion Pro part number for these brake levers is 14-0415. The items were produced from 03/21/2001 through 06/26/2008. None of these items was sold for use or installation in new motorcycles.

3. Total number of items of equipment that potentially containing the defect:

Motion Pro sold approximately 10,000 aftermarket brake levers identified as part number 14-0415. However, as noted above, some number of these were installed on Yamaha models, and some were installed on Suzuki motorcycles where the issue has not manifested itself. Motion Pro is continuing its evaluation of the scope of the potentially affected population.

4. Approximate percentage of equipment items estimated to actually contain the defect:

Based on internal testing it has performed on units in inventory, Motion Pro estimates that approximately 20 percent of the potentially defective brake levers actually contain the defect.

5. Description of the defect:

The lobe height on some of the Motion Pro aftermarket brake levers included in this report is smaller than intended. At this time, Motion Pro does not know the reason why some levers were manufactured with smaller lobes. However, Motion Pro has been able to correlate the issue to the interaction between a brake lever with a smaller lobe and the stop lamp switch installed in some Suzuki motorcycles. The brake levers with the smaller lobe do not properly engage the stop lamp switch on the affected motorcycles. If this occurs, the stop lamp on the motorcycle will not deactivate when the driver releases the brake lever.

This condition is not progressive. It will occur immediately upon installation of the brake lever with the smaller lobe. For this reason, Motion Pro believes that the condition is ordinarily caught by the dealer installing the aftermarket brake lever on the motorcycle, and has generally been addressed by replacing the stop lamp switch with a current model stop lamp switch. It appears to Motion Pro that the current model stop lamp switches will engage properly even with a brake lever with a smaller lobe, and the condition will not arise in these vehicles in the field.

6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

In July 2008, Motion Pro employees became aware of the possibility that certain aftermarket brake levers could cause improper operation of the motorcycle's stop lamp. Motion Pro initiated an internal investigation of the issue, including testing of brake levers in its inventory with various models and model years of Suzuki motorcycles. In the second week of August, Motion Pro decided that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the brake levers when they are installed on certain of the Suzuki motorcycle models identified above.

7. Program for remedying the defect:

Motion Pro will conduct a safety recall to remedy this defect at no charge to owners. It is still in the process of determining the appropriate remedy and developing a schedule for owner notification. Motion Pro has contacted its dealers and distributors, and instructed them to stop selling the covered brake levers. A sample copy of this communication is enclosed with this Report as Attachment B.

Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6(c)(8)(i) and 573.13, owners will be advised that Motion Pro will reimburse them if they have incurred any costs to obtain a remedy for a brake lever that caused stop lamp failure within one year prior to their receipt of the defect notification.

Motion Pro will provide NHTSA with a copy of its proposed owner notification letter, including language with respect to reimbursement, at least five days prior to commencing the recall campaign.

Attachment A

Model	Year
Suzuki DL 1000	2002-2008
Suzuki DL 650	2004-2008 - 7008
Suzuki GSF 1200S	2001-2005
Suzuki GSF 600S	2001-2005 2000-2003
GSX 1300R	1999-2007
GSXR 1000	2001-2004
GSXR 600	2001-2003
GSXR 750	1998-2003
SV 1000	2002 2005
SV 1000S	2003-2007
SV 650	1999-2003
SV 650S	1999-2008
TL 1000R	1999-2003 🗸

Attachment B

Sample of communication that was sent by Motion Pro sales representatives to distributors regarding the brake lever issue during the week of August 11, 2008:

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Dear	,

It has come to our attention that some of the Motion Pro brake levers with part number 14-0415 do not properly activate the brake light switch. Some of these levers will not allow the brake light switch to turn off when the lever is fully released, which causes the brake light to stay on all the time. This problem does not affect the actual mechanical operation of the brakes and only the operation of the brake light is impaired.

We believe this problem requires your urgent attention and we need your immediate help and cooperation to do the following: 1) stop any shipment of this lever to your customers, 2) return any inventory you have to us for inspection, and 3) provide Motion Pro with a list of customers that purchased this lever from you. Please note that Motion Pro part number 14-0415 is the only lever affected by this notice.

Please contact me or your Motion Pro sales representative at 650-594-9600 if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,