



February 7, 2008

Via Certified Mail

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

Re: Recall No. 08V-048 Supplemental Information

Dear Mr. Smith:

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. ("KMC") hereby provides additional information needed to fully comply with the reporting requirements of 49CFR 573.5 (c). This correspondence supplements the previous Defect Report dated January 23, 2008.

3) The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect: This number has been revised to a total of 3,336 vehicles affected by the recall.

6) A chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, filed or service reports, and other information with their dates of receipt:

September 7, 2007 – Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd., of Akashi, Japan (KHI) receives information from Kawasaki Motors Europe (KME) that a rear carrier platform failure was experienced while testing the Kawasaki genuine accessory luggage system.

Sept. through Oct. 2007 – KHI begins investigation and determines that the platform could break if the luggage in question ("top case") is installed to the platform, and a passenger leans against it.

September 2007- KHI studies the identified countermeasure consisting of a reinforced platform.

October 2007 – KHI determines that this is not a defect of the vehicle because the rear carrier would only break with the installation of accessories. KHI decides to take factory directed modification (FDM) action and notifies KMC.

November 2007 – KHI receives report from KME of a rear carrier platform failure where the vehicle owner had installed an aftermarket (not genuine Kawasaki accessory) top case.

December 2007 – KHI also receives report from Kawasaki Motors Corporation Japan (KMJ) of a rear carrier platform failure where the vehicle owner had installed an aftermarket (not genuine Kawasaki accessory) top case.

January 16, 2008 – Decision to change from FDM to recall action was initiated by KHI.

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7) The manner in which and the date when the information about the defect was obtained: See above.

9) A representative copy of all notices, bulletins and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance: Final copies of dealer notification and customer letter are attached. The dealer bulletin was mailed on Friday, February 1, 2008 and the customer letter was mailed on Monday, February 04, 2008.

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions regarding information in this submission, or if additional information is required.

Sincerely,
KAWASAKI MOTORS CORP., U.S.A

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Hagie".

Roger F. Hagie
Director Public Affairs

Enclosures

MODEL: 2008 CONCOURS™ 14/14 ABS (ZG1400A8F/L, ZG1400B8F/L)
TITLE: REPLACEMENT REAR CARRIER PLATFORM

RECALL

THIS BULLETIN IS OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AND MUST BE ACTED UPON IMMEDIATELY TO ENSURE CUSTOMER SAFETY.

Eligibility

Eligible Units

Model	Vehicle Identification Number Range
ZG1400A8F/L	JKBZGNA1✓8A005038 thru 011423
ZG1400B8F/L	JKBZGNB1✓8A005008 thru 007204

Please check VSI (Vehicle Service Inquiry) in K-Dealer for other possible repair campaigns for eligible units.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- o Check each unit for MC 08-02 eligibility and complete campaign if eligible.

Kawasaki will repair some units within the eligible range prior to you receiving them. **Verify eligibility using VSI in K-Dealer or by the repair verification before starting the repair.** See Repair Verification section for details.

Subject

On eligible units, the rear carrier platform could break if a Kawasaki Genuine Accessory Luggage system is installed on the carrier and a passenger leans against it. The carrier platform and luggage system could become detached from the motorcycle, creating the potential for an accident resulting in injury or death.



Kawasaki Action

Initiate Campaign:

Kawasaki has initiated a Recall campaign to repair all eligible units. The repair consists of replacing the rear carrier platform.

WARNING

With the exception of genuine Kawasaki Parts and Accessories, Kawasaki has no control over the design or application of accessories. In some cases, improper installation or use of accessories, or motorcycle modification, will void the warranty, can negatively affect performance, and can even be illegal. Refer to the Loading and Accessories Information in the Owner's Manual for additional important information.

Notify Registered Owners:

Kawasaki is sending a Recall letter to all registered owners of eligible units.

File behind the "MC" tab in your Kawasaki "Service and Warranty" binder

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Dealer Action

Repair Eligible Units:

Repair all eligible units including sold units in the field and unsold units in your dealership inventory prior to delivery to the retail purchaser. It is the obligation of authorized Kawasaki retail Dealers to repair eligible units in Dealer's possession prior to retail sale. Failure to comply with this obligation to repair all units eligible for Recall or FDM campaigns by the Dealer constitutes a breach of the Dealer Sales and Service Agreement. Refer to Service Policies bulletin SP 05-01. Refer to the Repair Procedure section of the bulletin for details.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- o *It's the law! Under the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Federal Law 49 U.S.C. Section 30120(i) requires dealers to perform Recall repairs before delivering any vehicle affected by the Recall to a purchaser.*

Document Completed Repairs:

Federal law requires manufacturers to maintain accurate follow-up records on repairs performed on eligible units. Dealers MUST submit a Warranty Claim for each repair. Refer to the Warranty Information section of this bulletin for details.

NOTE:

- o *If you fail to submit a Warranty Claim for a new unit that is subsequently sold and registered, the new owner will receive the Recall letter requesting the return of the vehicle to you for repair.*

Submit Product Registration:

Submit the product registration to Kawasaki via K-Dealer immediately after retail sale of any eligible unit. Be sure to supply the correct customer name and mailing address. Kawasaki uses the product registration information for customer notification. Also, if you know that the customer has moved, please submit a Customer Update via K-Dealer.

Replacement Procedure

Refer to the appropriate sections of the Service Manual for information and procedures related to parts removal and installation.

Service Manual

MODEL	PART NUMBER
ZG1400A8F/L, B8F/L	99924-1379-01

- Remove the rear carrier platform.
- Destroy the original rear carrier platform, such as cutting a piece from it, to prevent it from being used again.
- Install the new rear carrier platform.

Parts Information

To ensure parts availability to all dealers, parts required to complete the Recall must be ordered through Paarts Order Services at (800) 608-8490, or by faxing the attached Parts Kit Order Form. The proper VIN for each unit being repaired will be required for each kit ordered. Parts should be ordered only for units actually scheduled to be repaired.

Use the report detailing affected units in your dealership inventory to order repair kits for unsold units..

Parts Information

KIT DESCRIPTION	PART NUMBER
KIT-Carrier	99999-0147

Return any original rear carrier platform (P/N 53029-0064) in your dealer inventory to KMC for credit. Use a Request for Credit form (P/N 99995-502) and reference Recall MC 08-02 in the Additional Information section.

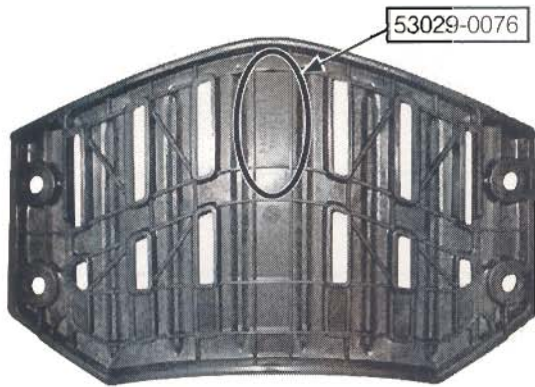
Warranty Information

This is a safety Recall campaign. Repair is authorized regardless of ownership or warranty status. Repairs MUST BE PERFORMED IMMEDIATELY ON ALL ELIGIBLE UNITS in the field and during initial assembly and preparation. See the Warranty Policies and Procedures Manual (claim type 3 information) for detailed instructions when submitting the Warranty Claim.

WARRANTY INFORMATION	
Job Code	22211
Flat Rate Time	0.2 hr.
Failure Date	Same as Replacement Date
Claim Type	3
Part Number	99999-0147
Description	Carrier Kit
Qty	1

Repair Verification

Presence of the new rear carrier platform with embossed part number 53029-0076 will serve as repair verification.



NOTE:

- o *Repair verification is an essential part of the repair procedure. Along with the physical repair verification mark, check VSI (Vehicle Service Inquiry) in K-Dealer for other possible repair campaigns for eligible units.*

Special Instructions

Complete this repair along with Recall MC 08-02, Saddlebag Latch Replacement. The customer letters for MC 08-02 and MC 08-03 have been combined. Not all units are eligible for both MC 08-02 and MC 08-03, therefore, VSI verification is critically important

SADDLEBAG LATCH AND REAR CARRIER PLATFORM REPLACEMENT WARNING AND RECALL NOTICE

Dear Kawasaki Concours™ 14/14 ABS Owner:

This notice has been sent to you in accordance with requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

The reason for this notice:

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. has decided that two defects which relate to motor vehicle safety exist in Concours 14 models.

On eligible units, under certain circumstances 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(s) is improperly attached. Continued use of the vehicle with either saddlebag latch broken can result in the saddlebag(s) coming free of its mount during vehicle operation, creating the possibility of a crash resulting in injury or death. Our records indicate that you have purchased one of these units.

Additionally, the rear carrier platform could break if a Kawasaki Genuine Accessory Luggage system is installed on the carrier platform and a passenger leans against it. The carrier platform and luggage system could become detached from the vehicle, creating the potential for an accident resulting in injury or death.

What Kawasaki and your dealer will do:

Your Kawasaki dealer will replace the saddlebag latch assemblies for you at no charge with reinforced ones. Your Kawasaki dealer will determine if your vehicle will require the rear carrier platform replacement at the same time. The actual repairs will take up to one hour but may take longer due to scheduling at the dealership and the time needed to obtain required parts.

What you must do to ensure your safety:

Please call your authorized Kawasaki motorcycle dealer to schedule an appointment and take this letter with you at the time of your appointment. **DO NOT RIDE YOUR MOTORCYCLE UNTIL THIS REPAIR HAS BEEN COMPLETED.**

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If you need help:

If you have questions or concerns that your dealer is not able to resolve, or you experienced the failure described above prior to receiving this letter and paid to have it corrected, please Contact Kawasaki's Consumer Services Department:

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.
ATTN: Consumer Services Department
P.O. Box 25252
Santa Ana, California 92799-5252
(866) 802-9381 (toll-free) between 8:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.

If your dealer fails or is unable to remedy this defect without charge within a reasonable amount of time (60 days after you first attempt to obtain remedy), you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, D.C. 20590, or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1(888) 327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

If you received this notice in error:

Our records indicate you are the current owner of the vehicle described in this letter. If you no longer have the vehicle described in this letter, please help us to update our records by calling Kawasaki toll free at (866) 802-9381. Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and your continued satisfaction with your Kawasaki motorcycle.

Sincerely,

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.