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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION
RECALL MGMT DIV.

March 25, 2008

HONDA

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
1919 Torrance Boulevard
Torrance, CA 90501-2746
Phone (310) 783-2000

Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

**08V-141
AMENDED**

Dear Mr. Smith:

On March 18, 2008, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in the fuel valve (petcock) of certain 2006-07 model year VT600 and certain 2007-08 model year VT750 and VTX1300 motorcycles, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

573.6(c)(1)

Name of manufacturer: Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC)
Honda of America Mfg., Inc. (HAM)

Manufacturer's agent: William R. Willen
American Honda Motor Co., Inc. (AHM)
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501-2746

573.6(c)(2)

Identification of potentially affected vehicles: Will be provided

Description of the basis for the determination of the recall population:

The recall population was based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: 38,942

573.6(c)(4)

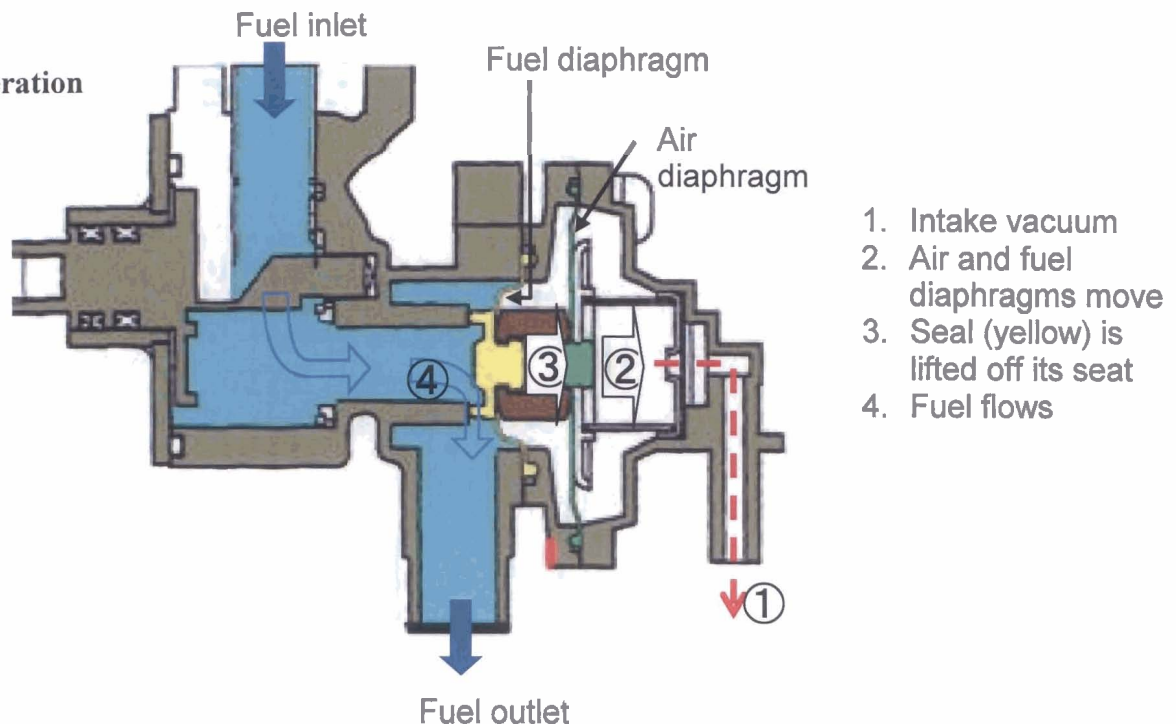
Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: unknown

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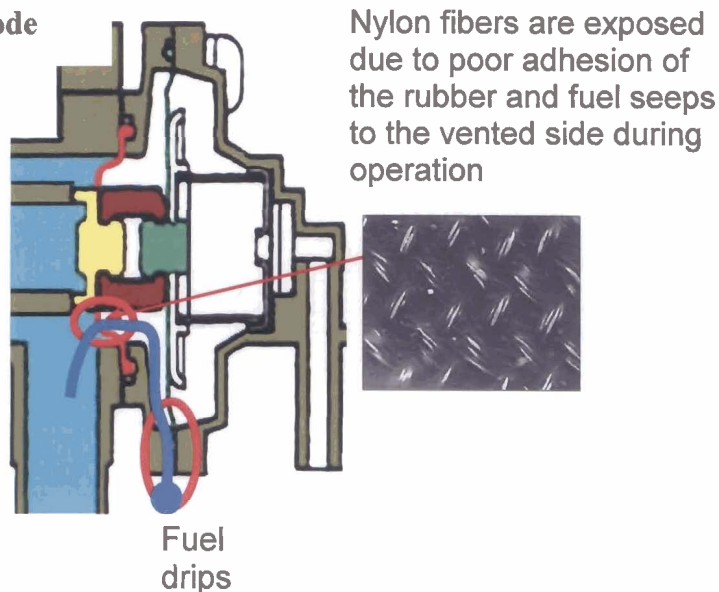
Defect description:

The affected motorcycles may have an improperly manufactured fuel control valve diaphragm. The diaphragm, which is constructed of rubber and a nylon backing material, is used to control the flow of fuel from the fuel tank to the carburetor based on vacuum input from the engine. Due to poor adhesion of the rubber to the nylon backing material, fuel can seep through the nylon fibers to the vented side of the diaphragm. While the motorcycle is stationary with the engine idling, the seeping fuel can result in a slow drip. While riding, the seeping fuel evaporates before it drips. In the presence of an ignition source, dripping fuel poses the risk of fire.

Normal Operation



Failure Mechanism & Mode



573.6(c)(6)

Chronology:

May 31, 2007	AHM issued a quality information report regarding an occurrence of fuel dripping from the fuel valve.
July 10, 2007	Keihin (Supplier) opened an investigation.
Sept 13, 2007	Keihin preliminary investigation report to HMC.
Mar. 18, 2008	HMC decided to conduct a safety-related recall.

573.6(c)(8)(i)

Program for remedying the defect:

The owners of all affected vehicles will be contacted by mail and asked to take their vehicle to a Honda motorcycle dealer. The dealer will replace the fuel control valve diaphragm assembly, free of charge.

573.6(c)(8)(ii)

Date of e-mail notification to dealers:	March 19, 2008
The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers:	April 3, 2008
The estimated date to begin sending notification to owners:	April 10, 2008
The estimated date of completion of the notification:	April 17, 2008

573.6(c)(9)

Representative copies of all notices, bulletins and other communications:

A copy of the dealer service bulletin and text of the final customer notification letter will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

573.6(c)(10)

Proposed owner notification letter submission:

A draft of the owner notification letter will be submitted to your office as soon as possible.

573.6(c)(11)

Manufacturer's campaign number:
Q75

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William R. Willen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

William R. Willen
Managing Counsel
Product Regulatory Office

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Model	Year	Start VIN	End VIN	Production Dates		Distribution Dates	
				From	To	From	To
VT600C6	2006	JH2PC21046M700001	JH2PC21096M700544	4/7/2005	10/5/2005	6/28/2005	3/19/2008
VT600C6	2006	JH2PC21056K710001	JH2PC21036K710918	10/31/2005	1/23/2006	12/13/2005	3/19/2008
VT600CL6	2006	JH2PC21136M700001	JH2PC21196M700102	4/7/2005	9/29/2005	6/29/2005	3/19/2008
VT600CL6	2006	JH2PC21146K710001	JH2PC21136K710068	10/27/2005	11/25/2005	11/29/2005	3/19/2008
VT600CD6	2006	JH2PC21426M700002	JH2PC21486M702109	4/7/2005	10/5/2005	6/28/2005	3/19/2008
VT600CD6	2006	JH2PC21416K710001	JH2PC214X6K712006	9/26/2005	1/31/2006	12/6/2005	3/19/2008
VT600CDL6	2006	JH2PC215X6M70001	JH2PC21516M700341	4/7/2005	9/23/2005	6/29/2005	3/19/2008
VT600CDL6	2006	JH2PC21506K710001	JH2PC21516K710170	10/28/2005	11/4/2005	12/6/2005	3/19/2008
VT600C7	2007	JH2PC21097M800001	JH2PC21017M801157	4/11/2006	11/24/2006	6/12/2006	3/19/2008
VT600C7	2007	JH2PC210X7K810001	JH2PC21077K810408	11/30/2006	1/26/2007	1/24/2007	3/19/2008
VT600CL7	2007	JH2PC21187M800001	JH2PC21107M800204	4/11/2006	11/24/2006	6/13/2006	3/19/2008
VT600CD7	2007	JH2PC21457M800001	JH2PC21467M803604	4/11/2006	11/23/2006	6/9/2006	3/19/2008
VT600CD7	2007	JH2PC21467K810001	JH2PC21427K810884	12/14/2006	1/19/2007	1/24/2007	3/19/2008
VT600CD7	2007	JH2PC21467M820001	JH2PC21417M821802	4/3/2007	5/28/2007	6/6/2007	3/19/2008
VT600CDL7	2007	JH2PC21547M800001	JH2PC215X7M800374	4/11/2006	11/24/2006	6/12/2006	3/19/2008
VT600CDL7	2007	JH2PC21557K810001	JH2PC21547K810068	12/25/2006	1/26/2007	2/22/2007	3/19/2008
VT600CDL7	2007	JH2PC21557M820001	JH2PC21567M820170	4/25/2007	5/28/2007	6/13/2007	3/19/2008
VT750C7	2007	JH2RC50037K310001	JH2RC50027K310930	11/1/2006	1/26/2007	1/9/2007	3/19/2008
VT750CL7	2007	JH2RC50127K310001	JH2RC50197K310030	12/28/2006	12/28/2006	2/22/2007	3/19/2008
VT750C27	2007	JH2RC53047M000794	JH2RC53067M003910	10/4/2006	3/19/2007	11/6/2006	3/19/2008
VT750C2L7	2007	JH2RC53147M000044	JH2RC531X7M000422	10/6/2006	1/30/2007	11/6/2006	3/19/2008
VT750C2F7	2007	JH2RC53407M001007	JH2RC53437M005133	10/5/2006	1/26/2007	11/6/2006	3/19/2008
VT750C2FL7	2007	JH2RC53517M000067	JH2RC53527M000515	10/13/2006	1/29/2007	11/8/2006	3/19/2008
VT750CA7	2007	JH2RC50487M304329	JH2RC50497M305408	10/6/2006	12/27/2006	11/14/2006	3/19/2008
VT750CAL7	2007	JH2RC50547M300481	JH2RC50587M300600	11/28/2006	12/11/2006	12/29/2006	3/19/2008
VT750C28	2008	JH2RC53038M100001	JH2RC53008M102580	4/5/2007	7/17/2007	6/8/2007	3/19/2008
VT750C28	2008	JH2RC53048K110001	JH2RC53018K110540	10/2/2007	10/25/2007	11/26/2007	3/19/2008
VT750C2F8	2008	JH2RC534X8M100001	JH2RC53498M102645	4/5/2007	8/24/2007	6/8/2007	3/19/2008
VT750C2F8	2008	JH2RC53408K110001	JH2RC53408K110371	10/5/2007	1/7/2008	11/26/2007	3/19/2008
VT750C2FL8	2008	JH2RC53598M100001	JH2RC53588M100300	4/5/2007	7/11/2007	6/8/2007	3/19/2008
VT750C2FL8	2008	JH2RC535X8K110001	JH2RC53568K110030	10/18/2007	10/19/2007	1/17/2008	3/19/2008
VT750C2L8	2008	JH2RC53128M100001	JH2RC53118M100300	4/17/2007	7/12/2007	6/8/2007	3/19/2008
VT750C2L8	2008	JH2RC53138K110001	JH2RC53188K110060	10/16/2007	10/29/2007	11/28/2007	3/19/2008
VT750C8	2008	JH2RC50078M400003	JH2RC50028M401802	7/24/2007	9/7/2007	9/18/2007	3/19/2008
VT750C8	2008	JH2RC50088K410001	JH2RC50088K410533	10/3/2007	1/29/2008	12/19/2007	3/19/2008
VT750CA8	2008	JH2RC50438M400002	JH2RC50478M401801	7/16/2007	9/21/2007	9/8/2007	3/19/2008
VT750CA8	2008	JH2RC50448K410001	JH2RC50418K410750	11/5/2007	1/29/2008	12/19/2007	3/19/2008
VT750CAL8	2008	JH2RC50528M400004	JH2RC50518M400183	8/2/2007	8/9/2007	9/8/2007	3/19/2008
VT750CAL8	2008	JH2RC50538K410001	JH2RC505X8K410240	11/6/2007	1/31/2008	12/17/2007	3/19/2008
VT750CL8	2008	JH2RC50168M400003	JH2RC50158M400183	7/3/2007	8/10/2007	9/18/2007	3/19/2008
VT750CL8	2008	JH2RC50178K410001	JH2RC50118K410060	1/30/2008	1/31/2008	Nothing sold	Nothing sold
VTX1300C7	2007	1HFSC55047A302231	1HFSC55017A308830	11/27/2006	10/18/2007	12/13/2006	3/19/2008
VTX1300CL7	2007	1HFSC55177A300174	1HFSC55187A300300	11/16/2006	5/7/2007	1/25/2007	3/19/2008
VTX1300R7	2007	1HFSC52687A404091	1HFSC52637A411580	11/17/2006	9/18/2007	12/20/2006	3/19/2008
VTX1300RL7	2007	1HFSC52737A400121	1HFSC52717A400540	11/16/2006	5/10/2007	12/8/2006	3/19/2008
VTX1300S7	2007	1HFSC52067A404151	1HFSC52047A410000	11/17/2006	7/12/2007	12/12/2006	3/19/2008
VTX1300SL7	2007	1HFSC521X7A400161	1HFSC52147A400480	11/27/2006	5/4/2007	12/6/2006	3/19/2008
VTX1300C8	2008	1HFSC55048A400001	1HFSC55018A400270	11/20/2007	2/25/2008	1/15/2008	3/19/2008
VTX1300CL8	2008	1HFSC55138A400001	1HFSC55148A400071	5/17/2007	2/21/2008	12/21/2007	3/19/2008
VTX1300R8	2008	1HFSC526X8A500001	1HFSC52638A500331	5/15/2007	2/4/2008	1/7/2008	3/19/2008
VTX1300RL8	2008	1HFSC52798A500001	1HFSC52708A500060	11/28/2007	1/10/2008	12/21/2007	3/19/2008
VTX1300T8	2008	1HFSC52T28A500001	1HFSC52T68A500553	5/15/2007	2/13/2008	1/4/2008	3/19/2008
VTX1300TL8	2008	1HFSC52N08A500001	1HFSC52N48A500065	5/15/2007	11/5/2007	12/21/2007	3/19/2008