

September 30, 2008

Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590



08V-520
(2 pages)

Re: Defect Report Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573

Dear Mr. Smith:

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (KMC) has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2008 model year Kawasaki Motorcycles. The following information, constituting a Defect Report, provides the information immediately available. Additional information needed to fully comply with the reporting requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.5(c) will be submitted in a subsequent report.

- 1) The manufacturer's name: The affected motorcycles were manufactured by Kawasaki Motors Enterprise (Thailand) Co., Ltd., and imported to the United States by KMC, which will assume responsibility for conduct of this recall.
- 2) Identification of the affected vehicles potentially containing the defect: The affected models are the 2008 KL650E8F and KL650E8FL (California specification) serial number JKAKLEE148DA00101 through 08394. Manufacture dates are February 14, 2007 to September 6, 2007.
- 3) The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect: An estimated 5,804 vehicles are affected.
- 4) The percentage of vehicles or items of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect: For purposes of this recall it will be assumed that 100% of the vehicles are affected.
- 5) A description of the defect including both brief summary and a detailed description, with graphic aids as necessary, of the nature and physical location of the defect: Summary - the turn signal mounting stalks can break, causing failure of the turn signal to clearly indicate the operators turn intentions. Detailed - the material of the turn signal stalk is inadequate to support the weight of the turn signal unit during the range of vibration and shock encountered in normal operation of the motorcycles. The stalk can break, leaving the turn signal unit hanging by its wires.

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- 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, field or service reports, and other information with their dates of receipt: This will be provided in a subsequent report.
- 7) The manner in which and the date when the information about the defect was obtained: See above.
- 8) A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect. The estimated date on which it will begin sending notifications to owners that there is a safety-related defect: KMC will send a Recall Service Bulletin to all Kawasaki motorcycle dealers, both electronically (target date October 9) and by mail (October 10). KMC will send a Recall letter to all owners of the affected units, as determined using KMC warranty registration data. Target date for mailing this letter is October 13. A copy of the customer letter will be provided to NHTSA for review and approval.

Note: KMC requests that NHTSA defer posting information concerning this Recall to its web site until October 13, the date of the customer notification. This way, KMC will have the opportunity to notify its dealers prior to public release of this information; dealers will thus be able to provide information to answer customer inquiries.

- 9) A representative copy of all notices, bulletins and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance. These will be provided to NHTSA once they have been finalized.

Please contact the undersigned if there are any questions in this matter.

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



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