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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
09E-015

Subject: FMVSS 108/AFTERMARKET SADDLE BAGS BLOCK REFLECTORS

Dear MR. HAGIE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (Kawasaki) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment," in the products described for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal laws.

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/KLE650/2008-2009
KAWASAKI/SADDLE BAG/9999

Mfg's Report Date: April 1, 2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09E-015 **Components:** EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 546

Summary:

KAWASAKI IS RECALLING CERTAIN AFTERMARKET ACCESSORY SADDLE BAGS SOLD FOR USE EXCLUSIVELY FOR MY 2008 AND 2009 KAWASAKI KLE650 (VERSYS) MOTORCYCLES. INSTALLATION OF THE ACCESSORY SADDLEBAGS COVERS UP THE REAR SIDE REFLEX REFLECTORS WHICH FAILS TO CONFORM TO THE LIGHTING REQUIREMENT OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 108, "LAMPS, REFLECTIVE DEVICES, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT."

Consequence:

OBSCURED REFLECTORS COULD RESULT IN A CRASH RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH.

Remedy:

KAWASAKI WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND PROVIDE A FREE REMEDY. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING APRIL 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KAWASAKI CONSUMER SERVICES DEPARTMENT TOLL-FREE AT 1-866-802-9381.

Notes:

OWNERS 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 noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have received Kawasaki's proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577. 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).

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 contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@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,



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