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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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09V-174

SUBJECT: HOSE CLAMP FAILURE CAUSING COOLANT LEAK

DEAR MR. WILLEN:

This letter serves to acknowledge American Honda Motor Company, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

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:
HONDA/CBR1000RR/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-174

Mfg's Report Date: May 19, 2009

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: COOLING SYSTEM: HOSE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 12,894

Summary:
HONDA IS RECALLING 12,894 MY 2008 CBR1000RR VEHICLES. A COOLANT HOSE CLAMP LOCATED ON THE WATER PUMP COVER MAY BREAK DUE TO FATIGUE CAUSED BY VIBRATION GENERATED AT CONTINUOUS HIGH ENGINE SPEEDS.

Consequence:
IF THE CLAMP BREAKS, HOT COOLANT CAN SPRAY ONTO THE RIDERS LEFT LOWER LEG CAUSING SCALDING TO THE RIDER.

Remedy:
DEALERS WILL INSTALL THE NEW COOLANT HOSE CLAMP FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE JUNE 6, 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HONDA AT 866-784-1870.

Notes:
HONDA RECALL NO. R08. CUSTOMERS 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.

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

> 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 Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@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,

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Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement