

April 1, 2009



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

Re: Noncompliance Report Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573

Dear Mr. Smith:

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (KMC) has determined that a noncompliance with FMVSS 108 exists when certain Kawasaki Genuine Accessories are installed on their intended models. The following information, constituting a Noncompliance Report, provides the information needed to fully comply with the reporting requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.5(c).

- 1) The manufacturer's name: The affected accessories were manufactured by Givi SRL, of Flero, Italy, and imported to the United States by KMC, which will be responsible for conduct of this recall campaign.
- 2) Identification of the affected accessories potentially containing the noncompliance: The affected product is the "Hard Saddlebag" which fits the 2008 and 2009 Kawasaki KLE650 ("Versys") motorcycles.
- 3) The total number of products potentially containing the noncompliance: A total of 546 sets (2 saddlebags per set) are affected.
- 4) The percentage of vehicles or items of equipment estimated to actually contain the noncompliance: One hundred percent of these saddlebag sets will be subject to recall action, which will consist of installation of a reflex reflector on the exterior of the bag.
- 5) A description of the noncompliance including both brief summary and a detailed description, with graphic aids as necessary, of the nature and physical location of the noncompliance: Summary - Installation of the accessory saddlebag on the 2008 and 2009 KLE650 models covers up the rear reflex reflectors installed on the motorcycle. Description - The reflectors are mounted to the frame of the motorcycle, roughly below the passenger seat on each side. When the accessory saddlebags are installed, they cover these areas of the motorcycle, blocking the reflectors.

- 6) A chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that a noncompliance exists, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information with their dates of receipt:

This information will be provided in a subsequent report.

- 7) The manner in which and the date when the information about the noncompliance was obtained:
See above.
- 8) A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the noncompliance. The estimated date on which it will begin sending notifications to owners that there is a noncompliance: KMC will send a Recall Service Bulletin to all Kawasaki motorcycle dealers. Target date for sending this bulletin is April 16, 2009. KMC will also send a targeted letter to just those dealers who ordered the accessory saddlebag kits. A date for sending this letter has not been finalized.

KMC will send a Customer Recall Notification to all purchasers of the 2008 and 2009 KLE650 models, using KMC's warranty records. Target date for sending this notification is April 20, 2009. Customers who actually purchased the accessory saddlebags will be offered two options for correcting this noncompliance:

- they will be able to take the motorcycle to the dealer to have reflectors installed on the outside of the saddlebag, or
- by returning a postcard to Kawasaki, the customer will be sent a pair of self-adhesive reflectors with instructions on installing the reflectors themselves.

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

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

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



Roger F. Hagie
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