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August 9, 2010

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

**Re: Recall Notification
2010 Model Year Honda VT1300CR/CRA/CT
Certification Label**

Dear Mr. Smith:

On August 3, 2010, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined the existence of a noncompliance with Part 567, Certification involving the safety certification label for the 2010 VT1300CR/CRA/CT motorcycle. The following information is submitted pursuant 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)

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

573.6(c)(2)

Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda VT1300CR	Certain 2010 model year	JH2SC660*AK000006 – JH2SC660*AK001855 Dec. 17, 2009 to May 20, 2010
		JH2SC661*AK000001 – JH2SC661*AK000096 Dec. 24, 2009 to May 24, 2010
Honda VT1300CRA	Certain 2010 model year	JH2SC664*AK000011 – JH2SC664*AK000240 Jan. 26, 2010 to May 18, 2010
Honda VT1300CT	Certain 2010 model year	JH2SC667*AK000003 – JH2SC667*AK000946 Dec. 22, 2009 to April 28, 2010
		JH2SC668*AK000003 – JH2SC668*AK000066 Dec. 25, 2009 – March 13, 2010

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

The recall population was based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all vehicles affected by the problem.

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: 3,184

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: 100%

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Defect description:

Incorrect gross axle weight rating (GAWR) values are specified on the safety certification label. If the motorcycle is loaded according to the incorrect values, the rear axle of the motorcycle will be overloaded, increasing the risk of a crash. The gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) value specified, however, is correct.

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Chronology:

April 13, 2010	HMC Certification discovered that a potential discrepancy existed in the gross axle weight ratings (GAWR) and requested R&D to investigate.
May 6, 2010	A revised drawing was issued to correct the GAWR values.
Aug. 3, 2010	HMC determined that a noncompliance with the requirements of Part 567 existed.

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Program for remedying the non-compliance:

The owners of all affected motorcycles will be mailed a letter containing a durable correction sticker and installation instructions. If the customer prefers that the dealer apply the sticker, they will be instructed to take their motorcycle to a Honda motorcycle dealer who will apply the correction sticker, free of charge.

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The estimated date to e-mail notification to dealers:	Aug. 9, 2010
The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers:	Aug. 13, 2010
The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners:	Aug. 20, 2010
The estimated date of completion of the notification:	Aug. 20, 2010

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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:

R41

Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jay Joseph". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jay Joseph
Senior Manager
Product Regulatory Office

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