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**National Highway
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Administration**

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11V-363

SUBJECT: WIRING HARNESS

DEAR MR. HAGIE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.'s (Kawasaki) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

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/ZX1000JBFL/2011
KAWASAKI/ZX1000JBL/2011
KAWASAKI/ZX1000KBFL/2011
KAWASAKI/ZX1000KBL/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-363

Mfg's Report Date: July 7, 2011

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: WIRING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,560

Summary:

KAWASAKI IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 NINJA ZX-10R/ZX-10R ABS (ZX1000JBF/JBFL/KBF/KBFL) MOTORCYCLES. IT IS POSSIBLE FOR A PORTION OF THE WIRING HARNESS TO BECOME PINCHED BETWEEN THE REAR SUBFRAME AND THE REAR FENDER OR BETWEEN THE REAR SUBFRAME AND THE BOLT HOLDING THE SEAT COVER. THIS CAN DAMAGE THE HARNESS AND WIRING AND RESULT IN A SHORT BETWEEN WIRES AND THE FRAME OR WITHIN WIRES, WHICH COULD RESULT IN THE ENGINE STOPPING SUDDENLY.

Consequence:

IF THE MOTORCYCLE STALLS WHILE BEING RIDDEN, THERE COULD BE A CRASH RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPAIR THE MOTORCYCLE AS NECESSARY, AND REROUTE THE MAIN HARNESS; FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KAWASAKI CONSUMER SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT 1-866-802-9381.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

We have received your proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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

Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the build date range of vehicles affected by this recall.

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, 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 toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jen for" followed by a stylized signature.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement