

October 27, 2011

Mr. Claude Harris
 Acting Associate Administrator for Enforcement
 NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
 Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
 Washington, DC 20590

11V-526
(3 Pages)

Re: Recall Notification
2010 Model Year NT700V
Tire Information Label

Dear Mr. Harris:

On October 20, 2011, Honda Motor Co., Ltd. (HMC) determined that a potential defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists due to incorrect specifications on the tire information label affixed to the swingarm of certain 2010 model year NT700V motorcycles, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

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Name of manufacturer: Montessa Honda S.A. (MHSA)

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

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Identification of potentially affected vehicles:

<u>Make/Model/Type</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>VIN Range/Dates of Manufacture</u>
Honda NT700V	2010 model year	VTMRC5225AE001443 – VTMRC5222AE001562 November 26, 2009 to November 27, 2009

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

The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially bear the incorrect tire information label.

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Total number of potentially affected vehicles: 120

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Percentage of affected vehicles that contain the defect: 75%

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Defect description:

The swingarm of certain 2010 model year NT700V motorcycles may erroneously bear a tire information label intended for a different motorcycle. The incorrect tire information label specifies tire size designations that are not physically possible to install on the NT700V and cold inflation pressures that are lower than the tire pressures recommended for the 2010 model year NT700V. If an owner inflates the tires in accordance with the cold tire pressures specified on the incorrect label, vehicle handling may be adversely affected and continued use may lead to premature tire failure, thereby increasing the risk of a crash.

Note: Accurate recommended cold tire pressures and sizes for the NT700V are displayed on the safety certification label (as required by 49 CFR Part 567.4) and listed in the owner's manual. The correct values are 36 pounds per square inch (psi) for the front tire and 42 psi for the rear tire. The incorrect tire information label specifies 29 psi for the front and rear tires when carrying the driver only and 29 psi for the front tire and 41 psi for the rear tire when carrying a passenger.

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Chronology:

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| July 29, 2011 | A customer contacts AHM Customer Relations to report that the tire information label on his 2010 model year NT700V contains erroneous information. |
| August 9, 2011 | AHM issues a report to HMC and MHSA regarding the claim of an incorrect tire information label. |
| Sept. to Oct. 2011 | MHSA investigates the claim and determines: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The motorcycle with the incorrect tire information label was manufactured on November 26, 2009;○ The incorrect label is identified as the 2009 model year XL700V motorcycle tire information label;○ On November 17, 2009,<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Production of the 2009 model year XL700V motorcycle concluded;▪ Unused 2009 model year XL700V tire information labels were removed from a locked inventory rack and were staged in the warehouse preparation area for destruction; and▪ 2010 model year NT700V tire information labels were staged in the same preparation area;○ Erroneous application of the XL700V tire information labels on NT700V motorcycles occurred on November 26 and 27, 2009; and○ Analyses of November 2009 tire information label inventories for both models indicate an overage of 113 NT700V labels and a shortage of ninety XL700V labels. |

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MHSA completes its investigation, and HMC determines that a safety-related defect exists and decides to conduct a safety recall.

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Program for remedying the defect:

Owners of affected motorcycles will be mailed a letter enclosing a correct tire information label and instructions for removing an incorrect label and applying the correct label. The letter will also advise customers that they may take their motorcycle to a Honda dealer who will replace the tire information label, free of charge. Honda motorcycle dealers also will remove incorrect tire information labels on all affected motorcycles in dealership stock, affix the correct label, and ensure the tires are inflated to the correct pressure specifications.

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The estimated date to e-mail preliminary notification to dealers:	Oct. 27, 2011
The estimated date to provide service bulletin to dealers:	Oct. 28, 2011
The estimated date to begin sending notifications to owners:	Nov. 11, 2011
The estimated date of completion of the notification:	Nov. 18, 2011

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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.

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Proposed owner notification letter submission:

A draft of the owner notification letter is included with this submission

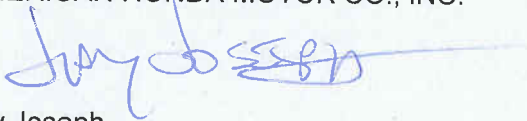
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Manufacturer's campaign number:

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Sincerely,

AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO., INC.



Jay Joseph
Senior Manager
Product Regulatory Office

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