



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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KAWASAKI MOTORS CORP., U.S.A.  
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IRVINE, CALIFORNIA 92618-2084

NVS-215et  
12V-081

SUBJECT: CIRCLIP BREAKAGE

DEAR MR. BRENAN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.'s (KMC) 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/EX250JCF/2012  
KAWASAKI/EX250JCFA/2012  
KAWASAKI/EX250JCFAL/2012  
KAWASAKI/EX250JCFL/2012  
KAWASAKI/EX650ECF/2012  
KAWASAKI/EX650ECFL/2012  
KAWASAKI/KLE650CCF/2012  
KAWASAKI/KLE650CCFL/2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-081

**Mfg's Report Date:** March 1, 2012

**Components:** STRUCTURE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 793

**Summary:**

KAWASAKI IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2012 EX250JCF/A/AL/L NINJA 250, EX650ECF/L NINJA 650 AND KLE650CCF/L VERSYS MOTORCYCLES MANUFACTURED FROM SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 THROUGH OCTOBER 25, 2011. DUE TO ENGINE VIBRATION AND DAMAGE DURING ASSEMBLY, THE CIRCLIPS ON THE FOOTPEG MOUNTING PINS CAN BREAK AND FALL OFF AND CAUSE THE FOOTPEG TO DETACH FROM THE MOTORCYCLE.

**Consequence:**

IF THE FOOT PEG DETACHES, IT COULD CREATE A ROAD HAZARD FOR OTHER VEHICLE TRAFFIC AND POSSIBLY DISTRACT THE RIDER, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

KAWASAKI WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE PASSENGER FOOTPEG PIN CIRCLIPS, FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT MARCH 12, 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KAWASAKI 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 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 Edison Thompson, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, by email at [Edison.Thompson@dot.gov](mailto:Edison.Thompson@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jennifer" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Timian".

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