



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

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Mr. RUSSEL BRENNAN
KAWASAKI MOTORS CORP., U.S.A.
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NVS-215ET
12V-369

Subject: Crankcase Sealing

Dear Mr. BRENNAN:

This letter serves to acknowledge KAWASAKI MOTORS CORP., U.S.A.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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/ZX-10R/2011-2012

Mfr's Report Date: July 31, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-369

Components:
ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4,170

Problem Description:

Kawasaki is recalling certain model year 2011-2012 ZX-10R (ZX1000JBF/JBFL/KBF/KBFL/JCF/JCFL/KCF/KCFL) 'NINJA' motorcycles. Engine oil may leak from the crankcase at the starter mounting point and pool on top of the crankcase. Continued use in this condition can allow oil to spill over onto the rear tire.

Consequence:

If oil spills onto the rear tire, there is an increased risk of a crash, leading to personal injury or death.

Remedy:

Kawasaki will notify owners, and dealers will remove the starter and seal the crankcase, free of charge. The safety recall is expected to shortly. 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>.

The information in your report suggests that Kawasaki may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

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, or by email at edison.thompson@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian".

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