



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

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Mr. Kenneth Bush
Department Manager, Government Relations
Suzuki Motor of America, Inc.
3251 E. Imperial Highway
Brea, CA 92821

NVS-215SM
15V-854

Subject: Ignition Switch Terminals may Corrode

Dear Mr. Bush:

This letter serves to acknowledge Suzuki Motor of America, Inc.'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:

SUZUKI/DL1000/2014-2015

Mfr's Report Date: December 17, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-854

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:IGNITION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,404

Problem Description:

Suzuki Motor of America, Inc. (Suzuki) is recalling certain model year 2014 DL1000 motorcycles manufactured January 17, 2014, to June 5, 2014, and 2015 DL1000 motorcycles manufactured November 5, 2014, to February 6, 2015. The ignition switch terminals of the affected vehicles may corrode if they come into contact with liquid such as salt water. As a result, the motorcycle's electrical power may be disconnected or the switch may be bypassed, preventing the engine from being shut off with the ignition key.

Consequence:

If electrical power is lost, the engine would stall, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Suzuki will notify owners, and dealers will install a cover for the ignition switch connector, and any corroded ignition lead wire and wire harnesses will be replaced. These repairs will be performed free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 22, 2016. Owners may contact Suzuki customer service at 1-714-996-7040. Suzuki's number for this recall is 2A53.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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