

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****15V-550****Manufacturer Name :** Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.**Submission Date :** SEP 10,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-550**Manufacturer Recall No. :** MC15-10**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.

Address : PO Box 25252

Santa Ana CA 92799-5252

Company phone : 949-770-0400

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 11,836

Estimated percentage with defect : 100

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2009-2015 Kawasaki Vulcan 1700 Voyager

Vehicle Type : MOTORCYCLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : The affected vehicles containing the problem are 2009-2015 Vulcan 1700 Voyager, Voyager ABS.

Production Dates : FEB 02, 2009 - MAR 12, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : jkbvnra169a000102

End : jkbvnrb13fa010869

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2011-2015 Kawasaki Vulcan 1700 Vaquero

Vehicle Type : MOTORCYCLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : The affected vehicles containing the problem are the 2011 - 2015 Vulcan 1700 Vaquero, Vaquero ABS.

Production Dates : OCT 01, 2010 - MAR 20, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : JKBNRJ1XBA000027

End : jkbvnrk15FA006760

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : On eligible units, one of the ignition switch wires could chafe and short against the bottom of the fuel tank.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : This could result in the engine stalling possible creating the potential for a crash resulting in injury or death.

Description of the Cause : One of the ignition switches could chafe and short against the bottom of the fuel tank.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : none

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

**Chronology :**

March 2013 - Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd (KHI) received a service report from KMC regarding loss of electricity resulting from frayed wires in the ignition switch requiring replacement of the switch. The mechanism by which the wire became worn was not indicated.

May 2015- KHI examined a used vehicle returned from the U.S. market and noticed the switch wire was positioned close to the bottom of the fuel tank.

August 2015 - KHI confirmed that an ignition switch wire can contact the bottom plate of the fuel tank resulting in the insulation being rubbed off the wire due to vibration.

August 25, 2015 - KHI determined the identified problem relates to motor vehicle safety and notifies KMC of recall action.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : The repair consists of replacing ignition switches that have damaged wires and installing additional shielding and padding.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Additional shielding and padding will be installed on all eligible units.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : The countermeasure will be applied to 2016 model year production beginning September 2015.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : KMC will distribute both electronic and paper copies of a Recall Bulletin to all Kawasaki motorcycle dealers. KMC will mail the owner notification letter via U.S.P.S. enclosed in an envelope with the statement "Important Safety Recall Information" on the outside of the envelope.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : SEP 11, 2015 - SEP 14, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date : SEP 15, 2015 - SEP 15, 2015

\* NR - Not Reported