

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**15V-821****Manufacturer Name :** Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)**Submission Date :** DEC 04, 2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-821**Manufacturer Recall No. :** JW2**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)

Address : 1919 Torrance Blvd.

Torrance CA 90501

Company phone : 1-800-999-1009

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 1,825

Estimated percentage with defect : 100

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2010-2010 Honda VFR1200F

Vehicle Type : MOTORCYCLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

Production Dates : DEC 03, 2009 - MAY 27, 2010

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : JH2SC6315AK000015

End : JH2SC6312AK001039

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2012-2012 Honda VFR1200F

Vehicle Type : MOTORCYCLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

Production Dates : MAR 07, 2012 - MAR 28, 2012

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : JH2SC631XCK200004

End : JH2SC6315CK200153

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2013-2013 Honda VFR1200F

Vehicle Type : MOTORCYCLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

Production Dates : DEC 03, 2012 - DEC 12, 2012

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : JH2SC6319DK300001

End : JH2SC6311DK300140

Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2010-2010 Honda VFR1200FD

Vehicle Type : MOTORCYCLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

Production Dates : MAR 15, 2010 - MAY 21, 2010

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : JH2SC6356AK000012

End : JH2SC6352AK000413

Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2012-2012 Honda VFR1200FD

Vehicle Type : MOTORCYCLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

Production Dates : MAR 07, 2012 - MAR 16, 2012

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : JH2SC6358CK200005

End : JH2SC635XCK200054

Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2013-2013 Honda VFR1200FD

Vehicle Type : MOTORCYCLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined based on manufacturing records. The VIN range reflects all possible vehicles that could potentially experience the problem.

Production Dates : DEC 12, 2012 - DEC 13, 2012

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : JH2SC6355DK300001

End : JH2SC635XDK300060

Not sequential VINs

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The driveshaft universal joint bearing may not have been properly assembled and, even if properly assembled, may not have specified durability as the result of manufacturing errors. An incorrectly assembled or prematurely worn universal

joint bearing may generate enough heat to decrease the strength of the bearing shell, which may cause the universal joint to separate or break.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the universal joint separates, drive force will be lost; if the universal joint breaks, it is possible it may interfere with the swing arm and lock the rear wheel while riding. Either outcome increases the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NTN Corporation

Address : Kyomachibori, Nishi-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka
FOREIGN STATES

Country : Japan

Chronology :

June 22, 2012

Honda Motor Co., Inc. (HMC) receives its first report of driveshaft failure with loss of drive force; failure occurred in the UK market.

August 30, 2012

HMC receives its second report of driveshaft failure; failure occurred in the Italian market.

January 7 – October 3, 2013

HMC receives 4 more reports of driveshaft failure; failures occurred in the German and UK markets.

November 1, 2013

Supplier changes production line driveshaft universal joint bearing assembly clinching pressure to reduce likelihood of misassembly.

September 5, 2014

After reviewing foreign market failures, HMC determines that no unreasonable risk to motor vehicle safety exists due to low occurrence rate and lack of sudden deceleration if a driveshaft were to fail. HMC continues to monitor market and apply normal warranty coverage to driveshaft failures.

December 2, 2014

HMC receives its 12th report of driveshaft failure, with first report of rear wheel lockup while riding. Failure occurred in the Swiss market. HMC buys back the affected unit for further investigation.

June 15, 2015

Buy-back of Swiss unit is completed and HMC receives motorcycle in Japan. Detailed inspection and investigation of affected unit begins.

June 22, 2015

HMC receives its 14th report of driveshaft failure, and second report of rear wheel lockup while riding. Failure occurred in the Swiss market.

September 4, 2015

HMC receives its first report of driveshaft failure in the U.S. market (19th overall); report alleges rear wheel lockup.

September 23-25, 2015

HMC receives 3 more reports of driveshaft failure in the U.S. market.

November 27, 2015

HMC determines that a defect related to motor vehicle safety exists and decides to conduct a safety recall.

As of December 2, 2015 American Honda has received 4 warranty claims, 4 field reports and 0 injuries related to this issue.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The owners of all affected motorcycles will be contacted by mail and asked

to take their vehicle to a Honda motorcycle dealer to replace the driveshaft, free of charge. While American Honda expects to receive the first shipments of the remedy parts in late 2015 to early 2016, customers who are concerned about the potential of experiencing symptoms of the defect before the remedy parts are available can bring their vehicle to a Honda motorcycle dealership for inspection. If the driveshaft fails the inspection, the driveshaft will be replaced with a new pre-countermeasure part, free of charge; the customer will be asked to return to have the driveshaft replaced with a remedy part once parts are available. Once parts are available, Honda dealers will replace the driveshaft on all affected vehicles with a remedy part, free of charge.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date : DEC 04, 2015 - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : DEC 23, 2015 - DEC 26, 2015

* NR - Not Reported