

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****16V-102****Manufacturer Name :** Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.**Submission Date :** FEB 18, 2016**NHTSA Recall No. :** 16V-102**Manufacturer Recall No. :** MC16-03**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 : 805

Estimated percentage with defect : 100

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2016-2016 Kawasaki ZX1000RGFAL, ZX1000RGFL, ZX1000SGFAL, ZX1000SGFL

Vehicle Type : MOTORCYCLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : The affected vehicles containing the problem are 2016 Ninja ZX-10R and Ninja ZX-10R ABS.

Production Dates : OCT 28, 2015 - JAN 18, 2016

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : JKAZXCR16GA000082

End : JKAZXCS13GA002995

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : On eligible units, the steering damper bracket mounting bolts could break due to over tightening during assembly causing the damper bracket to detach from the frame.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The unfastened bracket could result in steering interference creating the potential for a crash resulting in injury or death.

Description of the Cause : Over tightening of the steering damper bracket mounting bolts during assembly could cause the damper bracket to detach from the frame.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : none

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

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

**Chronology :**

January 2016 - Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd (KHI) received information from European distributor about a bolt tightening issue at the steering damper bracket mounting on Kawasaki owned vehicles.

January 2016 - KHI inspected the assembly process then found out that the tightening torque with a tightening tool was over specification.

January 2016 - KHI inspected Kawasaki owned vehicles in warehouses and found out that the bolts were over tightened.

February 2016 - KHI conducted a bolt rigidity test after over tightening the bolts then found out that the bolts could be broken in use.

February 10, 2016 - KHI informs KMC of the recall action.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : The repair consists of replacing the steering damper bracket mounting bolts.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Steering damper bracket mounting bolts are installed at proper torque specification.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : KHI changed the setting of the tightening tool to the correct tightening torque value. KHI applied this countermeasure in production on 1/25/16.

**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 via U.S.P.S. enclosed in an envelope with the statement "Important Safety Recall Information" printed on the outside of the envelope.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : FEB 26, 2016 - FEB 26, 2016

Planned Owner Notification Date : FEB 29, 2016 - FEB 29, 2016

\* NR - Not Reported