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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

This notice applies to your motorcycle:

Dear Gold Wing GL1800 (Airbag type) Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

WHAT IS THE REASON FOR THIS NOTICE?

Honda has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2006-2010 model year Gold Wing GL1800 motorcycles equipped with an airbag. The propellant wafers in some of the subject inflators may degrade over time, which could lead to over-aggressive combustion in the event the airbag is activated. Overly-aggressive combustion creates excessive internal pressure when the inflator is activated, which may cause the inflator body to rupture. In the event of an inflator rupture, metal fragments could pass through the airbag cushion material possibly causing serious injury or fatality to the rider or passenger.

WHAT WILL HONDA DO?

Although the redesigned airbag modules needed for the repair are not currently available, Honda expects parts will be available in the fall of 2016. You will receive a second letter once final remedy parts become available.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

American Honda has not received any reports of airbag inflator ruptures installed in Gold Wing GL1800 motorcycles. However, if you are not comfortable riding your motorcycle until the final repair has been completed, you may elect to have an authorized Honda dealer deactivate the airbag functionality until the final remedy parts are installed. You can call any authorized Honda motorcycle dealer and make an appointment to have your motorcycle's airbag function temporarily deactivated, **at no cost to you**.

Deactivating your airbag will take approximately 12 minutes to complete; however, please ask your dealer for the specific time your motorcycle will need to be at the dealership.

For assistance locating a Honda motorcycle dealer, you may call Honda Motorcycle Customer Support at: 1-866-784-1870 or use the "find a dealer" option on www.powersports.honda.com

CHECK YOUR MOTORCYCLE FOR OPEN RECALLS

To check your motorcycle's eligibility for repair under this or any recall, please access the **Honda Recall Lookup** tool at www.powersports.honda.com/recalls.aspx and enter your Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

OWNER INFORMATION

You received this recall notice because government regulations require that notification be sent to the last known owner of record. Our records are based primarily on state registration and title data, which indicate that you are the current owner of this motorcycle. If this is not the case, or if any of the information is incorrect, please complete, sign and return the Information Change Card and we will update our records. If you are a lessor of this motorcycle, federal regulations require you to forward this notice to your lessee within ten days.

DO YOU STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

Should you have any questions about this recall, please contact your authorized Honda motorcycle dealer. Should you need additional assistance, you may contact Honda Motorcycle Customer Support toll free at (866) 784-1870.

If you believe that American Honda or the dealer has failed or is unable to remedy the defect in your motorcycle, free of charge, within a reasonable period of time (within 60 days from the date you first contacted the dealer for a repair appointment), you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, DC 20590. Alternatively, you may call the NHTSA's toll-free Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236 (TTY 800-424-9153), or go to: www.safercar.gov

We apologize for any inconvenience this recall may cause you.

Sincerely,

**American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
Motorcycle Division**

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