



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

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NEF-150SM
17V-465

Subject: Defective Tail/Brake Light Assembly

Dear Mr. Brenan:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.'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:

KAWASAKI/VERSYS/2017

Mfr's Report Date: July 11, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-465

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING: BRAKE LIGHTS

EXTERIOR LIGHTING: TAIL LIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,888

Problem Description:

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (Kawasaki) is recalling certain 2017 Versys-X 300 motorcycles. A loose tail/brake light socket may allow the bulb to fall out.

Consequence:

Without a working tail/brake light, there is an increased risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Kawasaki will notify owners, and dealers will replace the tail/brake light socket, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Kawasaki customer service at 1-866-802-9381.

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.

We have received Kawasaki's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please update your Defect Information Report to include your remedy plan.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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,



Jennifer Timian
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Enforcement