

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

18V-866

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

Submission Date : DEC 13, 2018

NHTSA Recall No. : 18V-866

Manufacturer Recall No. : MC18-06



Manufacturer Information :

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Address : PO Box 25252
Santa Ana CA 92799-5252

Company phone : 949-770-0400

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 1,173

Estimated percentage with defect : 1 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2018-2018 Kawasaki Z900, Z900 ABS, Z900RS

Vehicle Type : MOTORCYCLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : The affected vehicles containing the problem are certain 2018 ZR900A, ZR900B and ZR900C models. The recall population was determined by the production beginning and ending dates for certain 2018 models.

Production Dates : AUG 02, 2017 - NOV 10, 2017

VIN Range 1 : Begin : JKAZR2A12JA000006 **End :** JKAZR2B12JA004569 **Not sequential**

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : On some units in the eligible range, due to improper routing of the rear brake hose and rear wheel rotation sensor wire, they may touch the rear tire. Continued use may result in damage to the rear brake hose. In the worst case, this could create the potential for loss of braking performance due to brake fluid leakage. The rear wheel rotation sensor wire may also become damaged. In the worst case, this could create the potential for turning on the ABS indicator light, not displaying the speed on the meter and deactivating ABS functionality.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : On eligible units, the breakage of rear brake hose may cause the loss of brake performance. In worst case, this could create the potential for a crash, resulting in injury or death.

Description of the Cause : Some of the eligible units include incorrect routing due to the variation of the rear brake hose and rear wheel rotation sensor wire assembly by the production line operator.

Identification of Any Warning NR
that can Occur :

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR
Address : NR
NR
Country : NR

Chronology :

September 2018 - Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd (KHI) received a report from European distributors (KME) that the rear brake hose was damaged from contact with the rear tire.
September to November 2018 - KHI investigated the assembly manner of the rear brake hose and rear tire rotation sensor wire to determine whether or not this condition was the result of a manufacturing issue.
November 30, 2018 - KHI decided to initiate a recall campaign.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program :	Inspect the routing of the brake line and rear wheel sensor wire. If routing is determined to be improper then reassemble correctly. In a case where the rear brake hose and/or rear wheel rotation sensor wire is damaged, they are subject to be replaced with new one(s). If a customer experiences the failure described above prior to receiving the letter and has paid to have it corrected they may be eligible for full or partial reimbursement for the documented cost of repair.
How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :	A white paint mark will be applied to the upper left portion of the frame.
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :	The assembly line operators have been educated on the proper routing of the rear brake hose and rear wheel rotation sensor wire. An added inspection process of the routing has been incorporated into current production.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : KMC will distribute both electronic and paper copies of a Recall Service 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 Recall Safety Information" printed on the outside of the envelope.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : DEC 14, 2018 - DEC 14, 2018

Planned Owner Notification Date : DEC 17, 2018 - DEC 17, 2018

* NR - Not Reported