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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V048

Manufacturer Name: Zero Motorcycles Inc.

Submission Date: Jan 28, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V048

Manufacturer Recall No.: SV-RCL-025-017.2

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Zero Motorcycles Inc.
Address: 380 El Pueblo Road
Scotts Valley CA, 95066

Total number of potentially involved: 118
Estimated percentage with defect: 30%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2024-2024 ZERO DSR/X

Product Category: Motorcycles

Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Electric Battery Power

Production Dates: Mar 19, 2024 - May 29, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 1

Descriptive Information:

2024 and 2025 Zero DS, DSR, DSRP, and DSR/X motorcycles.

Vehicle 2: 2025-2025 ZERO DSR

Product Category: Motorcycles

Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Electric Battery Power

Production Dates: Mar 19, 2024 - May 29, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 9

Descriptive Information:

2024 and 2025 Zero DS, DSR, DSRP, and DSR/X motorcycles.

Vehicle 3: 2024-2024 ZERO DSR

Product Category: Motorcycles

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Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Electric Battery Power

Production Dates: Mar 19, 2024 - May 29, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 15

Descriptive Information:

2024 and 2025 Zero DS, DSR, DSRP, and DSR/X motorcycles.

Vehicle 4: 2025-2025 ZERO DSR/X

Product Category: Motorcycles

Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Electric Battery Power

Production Dates: Mar 19, 2024 - May 29, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 23

Descriptive Information:

2024 and 2025 Zero DS, DSR, DSRP, and DSR/X motorcycles.

Vehicle 5: 2024-2024 ZERO DS

Product Category: Motorcycles

Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Electric Battery Power

Production Dates: Mar 19, 2024 - May 29, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 14

Descriptive Information:

2024 and 2025 Zero DS, DSR, DSRP, and DSR/X motorcycles.

Vehicle 6: 2024-2024 ZERO DSRP

Product Category: Motorcycles

Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Electric Battery Power

Production Dates: Mar 19, 2024 - May 29, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 24

Descriptive Information:

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2024 and 2025 Zero DS, DSR, DSRP, and DSR/X motorcycles.

Vehicle 7: 2025-2025 Zero DSRP**Product Category:****Product Type:****Fuel / Propulsion:** Electric Battery Power**Production Dates:** Mar 19, 2024 - May 29, 2025**Number of potentially involved:** 7**Descriptive Information:**

2024 and 2025 Zero DS, DSR, DSRP, and DSR/X motorcycles.

Vehicle 8: 2025-2025 ZERO DS**Product Category:** Motorcycles**Product Type:** Motorcycles**Fuel / Propulsion:** Electric Battery Power**Production Dates:** Mar 19, 2024 - May 29, 2025**Number of potentially involved:** 25**Descriptive Information:**

2024 and 2025 Zero DS, DSR, DSRP, and DSR/X motorcycles.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

The subject motorcycles may have been produced with the front brake hose from the HCU to calipers twisted 180°, which restricts the designed flexibility through the “p-clamp” causing it to rub and damage the outer layers of the brake hose potentially leading to brake fluid leakage and possible loss of brake pressure.

FMVSS1:**FMVSS2:****Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:**

Brake fluid leaking can lead to a loss of brake pressure preventing the front brakes from operating normally to slow the motorcycle. A loss of brake pressure could result in reduced vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

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Description of the cause:

Zero Motorcycles operations personnel twisted the brake hose on the manufacturing line during the installation to the ABS HCU for the subject motorcycles. These motorcycles were correctly assembled but may have the brake hose twisted.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Visual inspection for a frayed or damaged front brake line that may include signs of leaking brake fluid and/or front brakes that may not function as expected.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name:

Address:

Country:

Involved Components

Component Name 1: FRONT CALIPER TO HCU BRAKE LINE

Component Description: FRONT CALIPER TO HCU BRAKE LINE

Component Part Number: 25-08195

Chronology

- In December 2024, two warranty claims were submitted for leaking brake hoses. One report included a loss of control event due to reduced front braking, though no injuries occurred. Due to the low volume, no immediate action was taken.
- In June 2025, eight additional claims were received (six of which were from a fleet in Europe) prompting further investigation. It was determined that a 180° twist in the front brake hose was the root cause.

On July, 8 2025, the Product Integrity Team at Zero met to review the information gathered around the twisted brake hose causing the reduction in flexibility. Based on this meeting, this team confirmed that the front brake hose twist for the 43 units of model year 2024-2025 Zero DS, Zero DSR, and Zero DSR/X motorcycles should be inspected or replaced, as necessary, and recommended the company

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take steps to voluntarily pursue a safety recall.

Zero Motorcycles is aware of one event in Europe where a rider lost control due to reduced braking capability. No injuries were reported.

UPDATE TO CHRONOLOGY

On January 15th, Zero Motorcycles received separate reports for two additional vehicles - outside of the previously determined VIN range - which were discovered to have the same issue. As a result, Zero Motorcycles is expanding the scope of this recall to include all vehicles manufactured prior to the introduction of the poke-a-yoke jig that absolutely prevents the mechanical fitment of the brake line in an incorrect orientation.

Related NHTSA Recall Number: 25V459

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Inspect, Replace

Consumer Advisories: Do Not Drive Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Zero Motorcycles dealers will inspect for the twist and any damage to the hose caused by the twist. If the hose is twisted or damage is present on the hose, dealers will replace the hose and route properly during installation. Dealers will then submit a warranty claim for the parts and labor related to the repair/replacement. The labor time for inspection is .50 and replacement is 1.50 hours.

Zero Motorcycles has not developed a separate reimbursement plan for this recall because all the motorcycles are under warranty, and no owner should have paid for this repair out of pocket.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Routing the brake hose correctly provides the designed amount of flexibility to prevent damage to the brake hose.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

On July 28th, 2025, a mechanical poke-a-yoke jig was introduced to the production line that absolutely prevents the mechanical fitment in the incorrect orientation.

Reimbursement Plan

Description of reimbursement program:

Dealers will then submit a warranty claim for the parts and labor related to the repair/replacement. The labor time for inspection is .50 and replacement is 1.50 hours.

Zero Motorcycles has not developed a separate reimbursement plan for this recall because all the motorcycles are under warranty, and no owner should have paid for this repair out of pocket.

Period of reimbursement:

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Costs to be reimbursed:

The labor time for inspection is .50 and replacement is 1.50 hours.

Address for reimbursement claims:**Recall Schedule****Description of recall schedule:**

Zero Motorcycles expects to notify its dealer network no later than the week of February 2nd, 2026, and motorcycle owners no later than the week of February 27th, 2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Feb 04, 2026 - Feb 06, 2026 No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: Feb 23, 2026 - Feb 27, 2026 No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Feb 23, 2026 - Feb 27, 2026 Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Feb 27, 2026