

February 9, 2007

Mr. George Person  
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Report Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 579.11

Dear Mr. Person:

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (KMC) submits the following information concerning a defect in a Kawasaki model sold in markets other than the United States. The affected models are the 2006 model year Kawasaki ER650B6F and the 2007 model year Kawasaki ER650B7F offered in European, Colombian, and Malaysian markets. These models are "substantially similar" to the 2006 model year Kawasaki EX650B6F and the 2007 model year Kawasaki EX650B7F models offered in the United States. However, as noted below, the ER650B and EX650B models do not share front brake hose routing, and the EX650B is not subject to this recall action. The specific information items called for under § 579.12(a) are provided herein.

- 1) The manufacturer's name: Kawasaki Heavy Industries, Ltd., Akashi, Japan ("KHI").
- 2) Identification of the affected vehicles potentially containing the defect: The affected models are the 2006 model year Kawasaki ER650B6F and the 2007 model year Kawasaki ER650B7F manufactured between October 13, 2005 and January 26, 2007.
- 3) The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect: Approximately 7284 units are affected.
- 4) A description of the defect including both brief summary and a detailed description, with graphic aids as necessary, of the nature and physical location of the defect:

Brief - incorrect routing of the brake hose can cause the hose to contact the underside of the ignition switch body or screw at the right side of the steering head. This contact could eventually lead to a leak in the brake hose.

Detailed - the diagram for ER650B brake hose routing in the service manual was incorrect. Although all units were assembled at the factory and shipped with correct routing, there is a possibility that the brake hose routing could have been changed if the incorrect diagram shown in the service manual was followed during pre-sales set up or while making other repairs or adjustments. Incorrect routing of the brake hose can cause the hose to contact the underside of the ignition switch body or screw at the right side of the steering head. Continued use in this condition can lead to damage of the front brake hose with the possibility of eventual leakage causing brake failure creating the possibility of an accident.

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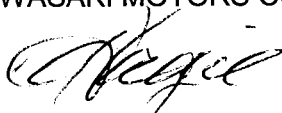
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Additional information:

- This campaign is being conducted in Europe, Colombia, and Malaysia as a Recall or Factory Directed Modification campaign.
- This effort was initiated voluntarily by KHI on January 25, 2007 and the recall campaign was implemented beginning February 15, 2007. Repair will consist of checking for the correct routing of the front brake hose, and replacing the brake hose of units determined to have the problem.
- This problem is a result of an incorrect diagram of the front brake hose routing in the Service Manual for the affected models, which may lead to service personnel to route the brake hose incorrectly. The corresponding diagram in the Service Manual of the EX650B for the U.S. market is correct, and would thus not lead service personnel to incorrectly route the brake hose.

Please contact me if additional information is required.

Sincerely,  
KAWASAKI MOTORS CORP., U.S.A.



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