



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

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NEF-150JK  
19V-083

**Subject:** Anti-Lock Brake System May Allow Wheels to Lock Up

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/Z900/2019

**Mfr's Report Date:** February 8, 2019

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 19V-083

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:ANTILOCK  
SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:ANTILOCK:CONTROL UNIT/MODULE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 497

**Problem Description:**

Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (Kawasaki) is recalling certain 2019 Z900 ABS, Z900 RS ABS & Z900 RS CAFE ABS motorcycles. The ABS hydraulic unit (ABS unit) may have been contaminated with debris during the manufacturing process, possibly resulting in the front or rear wheel locking up when braking while riding.

**Consequence:**

If the front or rear wheel locks up while braking, there would be an increased risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Kawasaki has notified owners, and dealers will inspect the ABS unit, replacing it as necessary, free of charge. The recall began February 15, 2019. Owners may contact Kawasaki Customer Care at 1-866-802-9381. Kawasaki's number for this recall is MC19-01.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:


Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to Ford instructions.

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 Jennifer Kruger who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-2461, or by email at [jennifer.kruger@dot.gov](mailto:jennifer.kruger@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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