

2015-2016 Model Year Honda CB300F and CBR300R/RA Connecting Rod Bearing Recall

Chronology:

January 21, 2015

Thai Honda Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (THM) receives the first report of connecting rod bearing retainer failure from Thailand. The symptom of the incident was the engine would not restart.

January 29, 2015 – April 29, 2015

THM received a second report of an incident, in Thailand, with a symptom of an abnormal noise coming from the engine, and a third report with 5 occurrences, in Thailand, of the engine stalling while riding.

May 7, 2015

THM responds to the reports and is unable to determine the cause. THM continues to monitor the market.

May 12, 2015

THM receives a fourth report about two incidents, both in the United States. Each incident involved a complaint of abnormal engine noise.

May 20, 2015

THM receives a fifth report of an incident, in Thailand.

May 25, 2015

THM requests Honda Quality Department (Japan) to review the warranty claims.

June 18, 2015 – September 9, 2015

THM inspects run-out of a new crankshaft assembly and found the crank-pin hole diameter out of specification on some parts. THM implements a tooling change to improve the consistency of the crankshaft manufacturing process.

October 2015 – March 3, 2016

Honda R&D (Japan) tests the bearing retainer surface plating.

March 24, 2016

THM receives a sixth report, detailing an additional 5 incidents, all in the United States. Each of the incidents involved complaints of the engine not starting.

April 20, 2016

THM receives a seventh report of an incident, in Thailand.

April 28, 2016

THM receives an eighth report (including two incidents in the United States) and a ninth report (from Thailand). Each of the incidents involved complaints of an engine stall while riding.

June 16, 2016

THM receives a tenth report of an incident, in the United States, with a complaint of engine stall while riding.

June 30, 2016

Honda Motor Co., Ltd. determines that a safety defect exists and decides to conduct a safety recall.

As of July 8, 2016 Honda has received 48 warranty claims, 41 field reports and 0 injuries related to this issue.