



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 08-021

Date Opened: 3-24-08

Principal Investigator: *Bob Young*

Subject: Frame crossmember fracture/separation

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

Products: MY 2006-7 ZX14 Motorcycles

Population: 11,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Frame crossmember fractures/separates resulting in rear suspension collapse.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	5	0	5
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	1	Confidential	Confidential

*Description Of Other: Web forum discussions and Kawasaki EWR Field Reports

Action: Open a Preliminary Evaluation

Engineer: *Bob Young*

Date: 03/24/2008

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Date: 03/24/2008

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Date: 03/24/2008

Summary: ODI owner complaints, EWR field reports, and web forum discussions allege that some model year 2006-7 ZX14 high performance motorcycles have had the rear suspension collapse when the welds securing a crossmember to the frame fail.

These allegations appear to be similar to the Honda GL1800 issue, PE03-039 / Recall 03V-350.



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