

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U. S. Coast Guard
DEFECT/NONCOMPLIANCE REPORT

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CAMPAIGN NUMBER

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF COMPANY CONDUCTING DEFECT NOTIFICATION CAMPAIGN (include ZIPCODE)

American Honda Motor Co., Inc.
1919 Torrance Blvd.
Torrance, CA 90501

2. NAME AND PHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT

James Jongkind (310) 783-3402

3. IF DEFECTIVE COMPONENT, MANUFACTURER NAME AND ADDRESS:

4a. IDENTIFICATION OF BOATS POTENTIALLY INVOLVED (use other means or additional space on Page 2 if necessary):

MODEL _____ HIN See list attached to _____

MODEL _____ HIN _____ to _____

MODEL _____ HIN _____ to _____

MODEL _____ HIN _____ to _____

4b. IF PRODUCTS INVOLVED ARE NOT BOATS (use other means or additional space on Page 2 if necessary):

MODEL _____ SERIAL NOS. _____ to _____ YEAR _____

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5. DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT OR NONCOMPLIANCE:

Chemicals found in some aerosol sprays used by owners and dealers to clean the engine and prevent oxidation of metal parts can lead to environmental stress cracking in high strain areas of the fuel tank (e.g. mounting areas).

6. DEGREE OF DANGER TO THE PUBLIC WITH CONTINUED USE OF THE PRODUCT WITHOUT REPAIR OR CORRECTION:

If the fuel tank develops a crack, fuel will leak into the hull of the PWC increasing the risk of fire and explosion. No fires, explosions, or injuries have been reported.

7. MANNER IN WHICH PRODUCTS RECALLED WILL BE CORRECTED (use additional space on Page 2 if necessary):

- a. Who will perform corrections?
Authorized Honda AquaTrax PWC dealers.
- b. Where will corrections be performed?
Authorized Honda AquaTrax PWC dealers.

c. When will corrections be performed?

Corrections will commence after Honda has completed its development and testing of the countermeasure fuel tank, possibly as soon as June, 2014.

d. How will corrections be performed?

Authorized Honda AquaTrax dealers will replace the fuel tank with a newly designed one. This replacement will be performed free of charge.

8. ACTIONS TAKEN TO DATE TO CORRECT THIS DEFECT OR NONCOMPLIANCE:

American Honda will mail a preliminary notice to original purchasers, or if available, current registered owners, notifying them of this potential hazard and to advise that Honda is developing a countermeasure as quickly as possible. A second notice will be mailed in June, 2014 providing owners with an update on parts availability.

9. LOCATION OF UNITS:

a. Number of units sold to consumers: 53,922
b. Number of units at the factory: 0
c. Number of units shipped to dealers: 53,942
d. Locations of other units: 20
in dealer inventory

10. CURRENT STATUS OF CAMPAIGN:

a. Number of units which might contain the problem: 53,942
b. Number of first purchasers notified about the problem: _____
c. Number of dealers or distributors notified about the problem: _____
d. Number of units corrected or repaired: _____
e. Number of units inspected which did not have problem: _____
f. Number of owners who refused the offer to repair or correct _____
(an owner who refuses must do so in writing)

11. IF ANY OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN 9. AND 10. ABOVE IS NOT AVAILABLE WHEN SUBMITTING THIS REPORT, WHEN WILL THE INFORMATION BE AVAILABLE?

American Honda will update 10 b. thru f. as the information becomes available.

- a. **Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 301; 14 U.S.C. 93; the Federal Records Act; 46 U.S.C. 4310; and 33 C.F.R. 179.
b. **Purpose:** The Coast Guard will use this information to identify boats (as that term is defined in 33 C.F.R. 179.03), inboard engines, outboard motors, stern drive units and inflatable personal floatation devices approved under 46 C.F.R. 160.076 being recalled for repair and replacement of defects or noncompliance with a regulation prescribed under 46 U.S.C. 4302, to determine the severity of the defect(s) or noncompliance, the location of the defective product(s), how and by whom the defect(s) or noncompliance will be corrected and the degree of danger to the public should the items continue to be used without correction of the defect(s) or noncompliance.
c. **Routine Uses:** In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, these records or information contained therein may specifically be disclosed outside the Department of Homeland Security as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows: in accordance with the routine uses described in DHS/USCG-013 Marine Information for Safety and Law Enforcement (MISLE) System of Records.
d. **Disclosure:** Completion/furnishing of this form is MANDATORY. Failure to provide the information requested within 30 days after the manufacturer discovers or acquires information of the defect or failure to comply with applicable regulation(s) may result in a civil penalty of up to \$1100.

SIGNATURE AND TITLE OF PREPARER:

Manager

DATE:

2/4/2014

SPACE FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

List the model name, length, model year and type of propulsion for boats for which affected Hull Identification Number (HIN) sequences in item 4a. are not available

7. Honda is developing a new fuel tank that will have less strain and more resistance to environmental stress cracking.

THE COAST GUARD MUST RECEIVE THIS REPORT ON OR BEFORE: