

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

25V-146

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

Submission Date : MAR 06, 2025

NHTSA Recall No. : 25V-146

Manufacturer Recall No. : MC25-04



Manufacturer Information :

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

Address : PO Box 25252
Santa Ana CA 92799-5252

Company phone : 949-770-0400

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 3,742

Estimated percentage with defect : 1 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2024-2024 Kawasaki Motors, Ltd. Z500 ABS, Z500 SE ABS, Ninja 500 (ABS, KRT Edition, KRT Edition SE ABS, SE ABS, SE 40th Anniversary Edition ABS)

Vehicle Type : MOTORCYCLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information : The affected vehicles are certain 2024MY ER500E/F (Z500 ABS, SE ABS- 1,057) EX500G/H/J (Ninja 500 (ABS, KRT Edition, KRT Edition SE ABS, SE ABS, SE 40th Anniversary Edition ABS- 2,685)) models. The recall population is all vehicles produced from January 22nd, 2024 to February 6th, 2024.

Production Dates : JAN 22, 2024 - FEB 06, 2024

VIN Range 1 : Begin : ML5ERGE14RDA07624 **End :** ML5ERGE12RDA11400 ☐ Not sequential

VIN Range 2 : Begin : ML5ERGF13RDA06303 **End :** ML5ERGF14RDA11560 ☐ Not sequential

VIN Range 3 : Begin : ML5EXGG17RDA07359 **End :** ML5EXGG1XRDA12040 ☐ Not sequential

VIN Range 4 : Begin : ML5EXGH17RDA06663 **End :** ML5EXGH13RDA11360 ☐ Not sequential

VIN Range 5 : Begin : ML5EXGJ1XRDA06876 **End :** ML5EXGJ13RDA10560 ☐ Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : On certain eligible units, the clutch release shaft was not properly welded between the lever and the shaft. Continuous use in this condition may result in the lever coming apart, making it difficult to disengage the clutch and thereby disabling the vehicle.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : Continuous use in this condition may result in the lever coming apart, making it difficult to disengage the clutch and thereby disabling the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause : Improper weld between the clutch release shaft and the clutch release lever.

Identification of Any Warning NR
that can Occur :

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : RELEASE-COMP-CLUTCH

Component Description : Clutch release shaft

Component Part Number : 13102-0087

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : New Somthai Motor Work Co., Ltd

Address : 73/1 Moo4. Bangcha
Long Bangplee Samutprakarn Foreign States 10540

Country : Thailand

Chronology :

May 2024: Kawasaki Motors, Ltd (KML) received a report from Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (KMC) of worsening clutch lever feeling in an EX500G. KML Quality Assurance Division started an investigation of the cause. • June 2024: The clutch release shaft supplier reported that someone on the assembly line may have been mistakenly using “trial parts” from a certain welding machine in production. “Trial parts” are created to verify the proper setting of the welding machine when it begins production of a certain part. KML decided to monitor the market for further evidence of this potential issue.

• October 2024: KML received a report from its Japanese distributor subsidiary (KMJ) of clutch failure on a EL400A while riding. KML Quality Assurance Division contacted its supplier again to further investigate.

*The clutch release shaft of EL400A is also used for EL450A/B, ER500E/F, EX500G/H/J.

• January 2025: KML found the cause of this potential issue was the improper setting of the welding machine by the supplier.

• February 28, 2025 : KML decided to initiate a recall campaign.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program :	Clutch release shafts will be replaced on all eligible units. The plan of reimbursement will be described on the owner's letter as follows: If you have experienced the failure described above prior to receiving this letter and have paid to have it corrected, you may be eligible for full or partial reimbursement for your documented cost of repair(s). To apply for reimbursement, please send copies of current owner and VIN information along with copies of repair orders and payment confirmation to the following address: Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. ATTN: Customer Care P. O. Box 25252 Santa Ana, California 92799-5252
How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :	Make a white paint mark at the front of the frame number.
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :	In February 2024, the clutch release shaft supplier corrected the setting of the welding machine.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule :	Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A. (KMC) will distribute both electronic and paper copies of a Recall Service bulletin to all Kawasaki motorcycle dealers. KMC will mail the owner notification letter via U.S.P.S. enclosed in an envelope with the statement "Important Recall Safety Information" printed on the outside of the envelope.
Planned Dealer Notification Date :	MAR 20, 2025 - MAR 20, 2025
Planned Owner Notification Date :	MAR 24, 2025 - MAR 24, 2025

* NR - Not Reported