

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

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Dear Dealer or Distributor:

K&N Engineering, Inc. (K&N), has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain KN-204 (black) and KN-204C (chrome) oil filters, and it has initiated a voluntary safety recall covering those filters. Our records indicate that some of these oil filters were sold to you for resale.

ITEMS COVERED BY THIS RECALL

This recall applies only to KN-204 and KN-204C oil filters manufactured between March 1, 2016 and September 30, 2016. The KN-204 and KN-204C oil filters covered by this recall have manufacturing date codes imprinted on the ends of the filters that contain as the second and third characters of the code the number/letter combinations of **3H, 4H, 5H, 6H, 7H, 8H or 9H**, with the number corresponding to the month of the year (i.e., 3 for the month of March, 4 for the month of April, etc.) and the letter “H” representing the year 2016. KN-204/204C oil filters manufactured outside of that date range and which bear different manufacturing date codes are not covered by this recall. No other K&N oil filter part numbers are involved in this recall. The date code for the recalled KN-204/204C oil filters can be found as shown in the photograph below. In this photo, the relevant character combination is “7H”, which indicates the oil filter was manufactured in July 2016.



WHY WE ARE TAKING THIS ACTION

K&N has discovered that certain KN-204/204C oil filters manufactured between March 1 and September 30, 2016, can leak oil at the area where a nut (intended for use to remove the oil filter during routine oil changes) is welded to the end of the filter. If there is such a leak, oil could come into contact with the rear tire or rear brake of the motorcycle on which the filter is installed. If this were to occur, it could lead to a loss of control or a crash. Therefore, K&N is conducting a recall under which it is offering to replace the covered oil filters at no charge, including the cost of return shipping. The KN-204/204C filters also fit powersport applications other than motorcycles, such as ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) and personal watercraft (PWCs). Although the same safety concerns do not exist with respect to the use of these filters in such applications, there is the potential for engine damage from a leaking oil filter. More importantly, any of the covered KN-204/204C oil filters retained by a dealer or distributor for resale for use on ATVs or PWCs could inadvertently be sold for use on a motorcycle. Therefore, K&N wants to recall and replace all inventories of the covered KN-204/204C filters, regardless of the intended purpose of sale.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Please check the manufacturing date code of any KN-204/204C oil filters you have in your possession or inventory to determine if they are covered by this recall. The date code can be found as shown in the above photograph. If you have any KN-204/204C oil filters manufactured within the specified date range in your possession or inventory, then please contact K&N immediately at (800) 643-6320, or e-mail K&N at recallkn204@knfilters.com. You will be advised what should be done with those oil filters to obtain replacements at no charge.

In addition, to help us to get information about this recall to individual retail consumers who have purchased the recalled oil filters or installed them on their motorcycles, ATVs, or PWCs, if you sell the filters at retail outlets, then please post the enclosed placard in a prominent manner in an area where oil filters are sold. The placard contains information and a photograph that will allow an owner to determine whether he or she has purchased or installed a recalled filter, as well as instructions on how to contact K&N for a replacement filter, refund, or for more information.

If you provided any of the oil filters covered by this recall to independent distributors or retail outlets, you should transmit a copy of this letter, and the enclosed placard, to those distributors and outlets along the distribution chain within five days from its receipt.

Please note that it is a violation of Federal law to sell any of the oil filters covered by this notification for use on a motorcycle unless the defect is remedied.

We regret any inconvenience that this recall may cause you, but we want to assure that any possible safety problems in our products are remedied promptly and that there are no future sales of the defective items.

Sincerely,

K&N ENGINEERING, INC.

Enclosures: Placard for posting in retail outlets