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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street S.W.  
Washington, DC.  
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Dear National Highway Traffic Safety Administration,

I am writing this note to report a serious safety concern I have with the motorcycle I recently acquired.

I purchased a 2005 Harley-Davidson Ultra Classic Model: FLHTC,  
V.I.N # 1HD1FCW1 [REDACTED] from Racine Harley-Davidson on August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

On Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 as I was traveling in Northern WI. While inspecting my motorcycle at a gas station, I noticed that the front right of the frame has exposed metal. The coating is chipping near and on a weld exposing the bare metal, which is lightly rusted.

Based on my personal knowledge of coating processes, I believe that the frame was improperly prepared for the final coating process to take place during manufacturing of the frame itself. Therefore, there can be other section of the frame exhibiting similar defect that are hidden. I am also concerned with the fact that other frames might have been manufactured with similar failure potential.

My major concern is that the frame will rust over time and will suddenly break unexpectedly under stress while riding.

See picture of the defect on page.2 of this letter.

I am writing this note based on the instruction in my owner manual and for the same reason I am sending a copy of this note to the attention of:

Customer Service Department, Harley-Davidson Motor Company, P.O. Box 653  
Milwaukee, WI 53201

I am expecting Harley-Davidson to resolve this matter in my case and take appropriate action if necessary to insure that the rest of their production is properly manufactured and inspected.

Best Regards,

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