



U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

To Report Vehicle Safety Defects

1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236)

INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

PADUCAH

State KY

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to contact the manufacturer of your vehicle? In the absence of a signature of owner

Signature of Owner [Redacted] YES NO Date 2/28/09

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side WB105941062 [Redacted]

Make BMW

Model K1200 R

Model Year 2006

Date Purchased

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

GRASS ROOTS BMW

Engine:

No: Cylinders 4

Fuel Type:

GAS

Original Owner

Dealer's City

CAPE GIRARDEAU

State MO

Zip Code 63703

Transmission Type

Antilock Brakes

Cruise Control

Powertrain

6 speed MANUAL

Multiple Failure:

Brake FAILURE

Incident Date(s)

22-SEP-2008

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Vehicle Component Code: 040000 SERVICE BRAKES, AIR

Failure Mileage 15000

Failure Speed 5 mph

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)

Original Equipment Prior Repair

Failure Location:

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type:

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make:

Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type:

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part:

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash

Yes No

Fire

Yes No

Number of Persons Injured 0

Number of Deaths 0

Reported to Police N

Narrative Description of Incident(S), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e, parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

TL*THE CONTACT OWNS A 2006 BMW K1200 R MOTORCYCLE. THE BRAKES FAILED WHILE THE VEHICLE WAS IN MOTION. THE MANUFACTURER STATED THAT THEY COULD NOT DUPLICATE THE FAILURE WITH THE ABS BECAUSE THEY NO LONGER PRODUCE THOSE PARTICULAR BRAKES. THE VEHICLE HAS NOT YET BEEN REPAIRED. THE CONTACT HAS SEEN SEVERAL COMPLAINTS FOR THIS SAME FAILURE. THE SPEED WAS UNKNOWN. THE FAILURE AND CURRENT MILEAGES WERE 15,000.

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a Manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.

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To Whom It May Concern:

My brakes failed as I was traveling down a steep bank which was the approach to a ferry to cross a river in Tennessee. I was traveling at approximately five (5) miles per hour going onto the ferry. When I applied the brakes, the ABS feature activated, and the brakes failed. I would have run off the end of the ferry, but I was stopped by a safety chain on the end of the vessel.

This happened approximately July 18, 2008. I just recently learned how to report this failure to the D.O.T. This is the reason for the delay in reporting. There are several reports of similar failures on 2006 BMW ABS equipped models on the Internet.

The motorcycle was in warranty when this happened. I called BMW of North America and asked to have the ABS removed. They refused to authorize this request. The dealer, Grass Roots BMW, said they would not remove the ABS system.

I currently own four (4) BMW motorcycles, and the models equipped with standard brakes work great. I am afraid each time I ride the one with the ABS brakes because it could be life threatening for this system to fail again at highway speeds.

BMW changed the power assisted ABS braking system for 2007 to a non-power assisted ABS system. I would like to simply have this ABS system removed and make the brakes non-ABS. The ABS feature was an option they made on numerous 2006 K1200R model motorcycles without ABS. If removal is not possible, then I would like to have the newer 2007 design installed on my motorcycle to make it safe to ride.

I have been riding motorcycles for over forty-five (45) years in which time I have owned over fifty (50) different models and have ridden an estimated two hundred thousand (200,000) miles. I believe my experience and knowledge justifies my being able to tell when the brakes work properly.

Respectfully,

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Paducah, Ky [Redacted]

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