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U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration				Date Received 30-NOV-2010		Repository ☐
				Reference No. 10368417		
OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)				MAY 09 2011		
Name [REDACTED]				Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED]		
Address [REDACTED]				E-mail Address		
City LOS ANGELES		State CA	Zip Code [REDACTED]			
The information you provide will be used to identify potential safety-related defects. We may share your information with the applicable vehicle manufacturer during an investigation or recall in accordance with the routine uses described in the agency's Privacy Act notice. See 49 FR 53971 (Sep. 3, 2004).						
VEHICLE INFORMATION						
17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side 1HD1CWP576K [REDACTED]			Make HARLEY DAVIDSON	Model XL1200L	Model Year 2006	
Date Purchased December 2006	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number Bartels' Harley-Davidson (310) 823-1112			Engine: XL Evolution No. Cylinders: 2		
Original Owner ☒	Dealer's City MARINA DEL REY			State CA	Zip Code 90292	
Transmission Type 5 speeds	☐ Antilock Brakes ☐ Cruise Control	Powertrain 1200 CC	Multiple Failure: NO		Incident Date(s) 07-OCT-2010	
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION						
Vehicle Component Codes: 180000 VEHICLE SPEED CONTROL, 100000 POWER TRAIN 29042/04B Screaming Eagle oval High Flow Air Cleaner				Failure Mileage 25000 25,609	Failure Speed 40	
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 HARLEY DAVIDSON XL1200 LOW. WHILE DRIVING 40 MPH, THE CONTACT STATED THAT THE MOTORCYCLE ACCELERATED ABOUT 90 MPH WITHOUT WARNING, CAUSING HIS ENGINE TO FAIL. THE DEALER WAS AWARE OF THE FAILURE AND REPAIRED THE VEHICLE. THE MANUFACTURER WAS CONTACTED, BUT OFFERED NO ASSISTANCE. THE VIN WAS UNAVAILABLE. THE CURRENT AND FAILURE MILEAGES WERE APPROXIMATELY 25,000.						
CORRECTION: The dealer refused to repair my vehicle or acknowledge that there was a safety issue because of a faulty design. They were more concerned about warranties than my safety or others' safety.						
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 to 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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Detailed Description of Failure that occurred on 10/07/2010

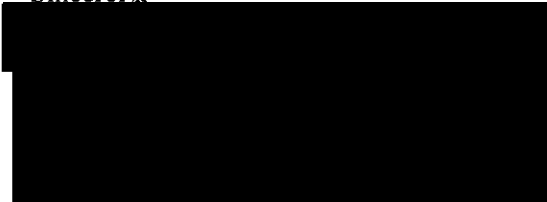
On the morning of October 7, 2010, while on my way to work, I was traveling on my Harley Davidson. I was on the 110 Freeway heading south toward the 5 Freeway when my bike suddenly accelerated out of control. It went up to speeds of 90 mph, possibly to 100 mph while getting close to a turn on-ramp on the 5 Freeway. It accelerated within a couple of seconds. I almost got killed, but managed to gain control by pressing the brake and the clutch while my bike was revved up. The speed limit for that turn on the 5 Freeway to the on-ramp is 40 mph, so I missed near death. I coasted down the 5 Freeway holding the clutch down, and as I got onto the ramp, it stopped accelerating. I proceeded to drive on as I thought I could drive it off the freeway, but then it accelerated again, so I pressed the clutch again, and then it slowed it down again and went back down to normal revving. I was closer to work than my home, about a mile or two away, so I drove to work from there. I decided that the next day I would take my bike to the Custom Cycle Shop in Venice. I drove home from work later that day and it was normal.

On the following morning, I started my bike and it made this loud clanking & knocking sound. I went down the hill from my home, drove about a block and it just froze. So then I took it to Custom Cycle Shop in Glendale, thinking as it was a fairly new bike, it couldn't be anything that serious, that maybe it was oil, or some kind of loose thing – I'm not a mechanic. At the Custom Bike Shop, the mechanic opened up the box and explained to me that what happened was that the screw from the Screaming Eagle air cleaner went through the carburetor through the in-take manifold and got sucked in all the way to the piston, that one of the three screws of the back plate of the Screaming Eagle air cleaner had been sucked through and gone in. He told me that the bike accelerated because the screw got stuck on the butterfly and left it open on its way down to the piston, that the next day because the screw dropped down all the way to the piston, it left a fossil-like indentation of the screw and scratched the cylinder walls, causing the piston arm to shatter. There are stamps of the screw on the piston which proves that's what it was. I had the bike completely checked by Custom Cycle Shop, and after a cost to me of \$3,232.37 (see Attachment #1) to repair it, everything's been running fine since, so I do know that was the issue there. When bike went out of control that day, luckily there was no traffic, otherwise I would have killed myself and/or somebody else.

I knew that this was a really important safety issue, so I asked Ron, the manager from Harley Davidson Marina del Rey, and he told me that he's seen 4 incidents where the screw does go through, but never getting stuck. So I would imagine some people have been killed, but no one would ever know. Ron felt the same way I did, that nobody would ever know, that there should be a screen on that carburetor that picks up that screw to keep the motor from blowing up, but even more for the driver's and everyone else's safety in this same situation. This seems to be exactly like the Toyota high speed, out of control situation and has to be addressed.

Please see attached photos proving that the screw went through the carburetor all the way to the piston (see Attachment #2.)

Sincerely,



Attachment #1
(Anchondo)

Venice



Custom Cycles

12105 VENICE, L.A., CA 90066 PH. (310) 398-7946 FAX (310) 398-7202

Deposits:
10-13 \$500-
10-26 \$1,200-

REPAIR ORDER

QTY	PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	SALE AMOUNT	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	PHONE	INSTRUCTIONS
Set	STD	pistons.	145					
Set	STD	RINGS.	49					
Set	STD	BARRELS.	325					
Kit	COMET	GSKTS.	16					
2		push rods. index.	22					
6		base clamps.	10					
3		noter ol	24					
1		oil filter	16					
1		spoil Lub.	8					
		Valve	32					
1		Batt. Under.	40					
2		piston squirters.	26					
1		petcock.	35					
				PAID CK. NO. _____ DATE _____ COMMENTS: _____ valve job - Grind - pit MARKS, Hone Barrels				
				I HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE ABOVE REPAIR WORK TO BE DONE ALONG WITH NECESSARY MATERIALS. YOU AND YOUR EMPLOYEES MAY OPERATE ABOVE VEHICLE FOR PURPOSES OF TESTING, INSPECTION OR DELIVERY AT MY RISK. AN EXPRESS MECHANIC'S LIEN IS ACKNOWLEDGED ON ABOVE VEHICLE TO SECURE THE AMOUNT OF REPAIRS THERETO. YOU WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO VEHICLE OR ARTICLE LEFT IN VEHICLE IN CASE OF FIRE, THEFT ACCIDENT OR ANY OTHER CAUSE BEYOND YOUR CONTROL.				
				OUTSIDE - REPAIRS TOTAL COST Disc 3 Hone Barrels LABOR 2000 PARTS 803 OUTSIDE SERVICE 350 TAX 78 TOTAL 3232				
				SIGNED _____				
				TOTAL 1532				

VENICE CUSTOM CYCLES
12185 VENICE BLVD
LOS ANGELES, CA 90066

BATCH: 023
S-A-L-E-S D-R-A-F-T
79558710
323133223878

REF: 0036
CD TYPE: MASTERCARD
TR TYPE: PURCHASE
DATE: OCT 26, 19 15:33:38

TOTAL \$1200.00*

ACCT: ****
CP: 738107 EXP: 12/99

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12185 VENICE BLVD
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79558710
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TOTAL \$500.00*

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THANK YOU

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Attachment #2
(Anchondo)











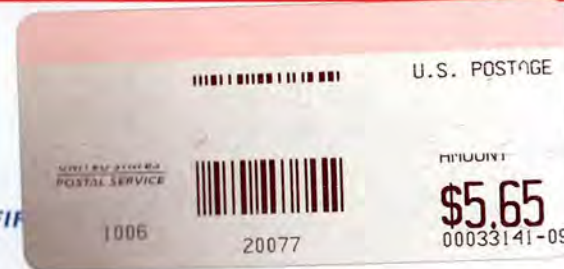
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