

 <p><b>DOT Auto Safety Hotline</b>  <b>Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire</b>          To Report Vehicle Safety Defects          1-888-DASH-2-DOT          (1-888-327-4236)          INTERNET:www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline</p>		FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 100148 Date Received <b>AUG - 5 2011</b> 29-JUN-2011 Repository <input type="checkbox"/> Reference No. 10409367	
<b>OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)</b>			
Name		Daytime Telephone Number	E-mail Address
Address			
City	State	Zip Code	Evening Telephone Number
JACKSONVILLE	FL		CALL
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).			
<b>VEHICLE INFORMATION</b>			
17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side		Make	Model
1T9C1SF669F		HARLEY DAVIDSON	XL1200C
Date Purchased	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number		Model Year
6/15/2010	ADAMEC CYCLES SALES CO. 904-215-1931		2006-2009
Original Owner	Dealer's City	State	Zip Code
<input type="checkbox"/>	ORANGE PARK, JACKSONVILLE	FL	32073
Transmission Type	Antilock Brakes	Powertrain	Multiple Failure:
	<input type="checkbox"/>		Incident Date(s)
	<input type="checkbox"/>		25-MAY-2011
<b>FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION</b>			
Vehicle Component Code: 161000 STRUCTURE: FRAME AND MEMBERS		Failure Mileage	Failure Speed
FRAME FAILURE @ RISOR FOR ENG/SWING ARM BRACES. R.H. WELD COMPLETE SEPARATION, L/H WELD YIELDING WITH CRACK		6464	60
<b>ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE</b>			
Tire Make	Tire Model (Name or Number)		Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment	Failure Location:	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Prior Repair		
Tire Component Code		Tire Failure Type:	
<b>ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE</b>			
Make:	Date Manufactured:	Model No./Name:	
Seat Type:	Installation System:		
Child Seat Component Code:	Failed Part:		
<b>APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION</b> (Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury(ies).)			
Crash	Fire	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Deaths
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Reported to Police			
N			
<b>Narrative Description of Incident(S), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).</b> 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 2009 HARLEY DAVIDSON SPITFIRE XI1200C MOTORCYCLE. THE CONTACT WAS DRIVING APPROXIMATELY 60 MPH WHEN HE SUDDENLY FELT AN ABNORMAL RUBBING ON THE BELT. THE VEHICLE WAS TOWED AND INSPECTED BY THE OWNER WHERE IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE FENDER AND BRACE WERE FRACTURED. THE VEHICLE WAS WELDED AT THE FAILURE YET THE FAILURE RECURRED A FEW DAYS LATER. THE VEHICLE WAS THEN TAKEN TO THE DEALER WHERE THEY ADVISED HIM THAT THE MAIN SUPPORT ON THE PASSENGER SIDE WAS LOOSE. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT FURTHER REPAIRED. THE MANUFACTURER WAS CONTACTED AND THEY ADVISED HIM THAT THEY WERE NO LONGER MANUFACTURING THE FRAME FOR THE VEHICLE. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS APPROXIMATELY <del>4000</del> 6464  ALTHOUGH FRAME WAS MANUFACTURED IN 2008, ASSEMBLED WITH HARLEY DAVIDSON ENGINE + MECHANICAL PARTS, WAS SOLD AS A 2009, ATTACHED ARE E-MAILS OF FOUR PREVIOUS FAILURE @ THE SAME FRAME AREA. THIS MAKES FIVE THAT WE KNOW OFF.			
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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Frame failure@ risor for eng/swing arm braces.R/H weld complete separation. L/H weld yeilding with crack in tubing.contact wit Thunder mtn this dat parts department stated commpany no longer exists;16 months ago. mileage @ 4160. weight of rider 180 lbs. Need repair as this ride is dead.

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[David\\_woodle](#) 4 months ago

spitfire owners beware: the rear swingarm brackets welds on some of these bikes were bad... check the welds @ the frame! i own a 2009 spitfire and had to have the frame repaired at my expense... even though the craftsmanship was @ fault..

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