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Ref. No. 10439549

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence concerning your model year (MY) 2001 BMW K1200 LT motorcycle. Your correspondence was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation (ODI).

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, we look carefully at the body of consumer complaints and other available data to determine whether a defect may exist. We cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

You state that the rear brake unexpectedly did not work on your MY 2001 BMW K1200 LT motorcycle. This problem left only front braking and resulted in increased stopping distance. Upon your inspection you noticed the rear brake was saturated with oil that leaked from the final drive unit as a result of a failed bearing seal. You researched NHTSA's web site and found 145 complaints regarding this problem and want to know why an investigation has not been opened.

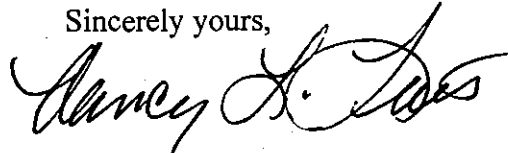
ODI is reviewing all available data concerning oil leaking from the final drive in MY 1999 through MY 2010 BMW K1200 LT motorcycles. NHTSA will contact you in approximately one month regarding the status of our review. For your information, a brochure explaining the investigation and recall process is enclosed, or you can visit our web site at www.odι.nhtsa.dot.gov.



We realize that this problem can be identified in our database under several component codes. Please keep in mind that the component codes are selected by the submitter of the complaint. Typically, we do not modify consumer complaints; however, we may update complaints during our verification process if a complaint is determined to be relevant to an investigation.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions, please contact me or Mr. Frank S. Borris, Director, Office of Defects Investigation, at (202) 366-8089.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nancy L. Lewis".

Nancy L. Lewis
Associate Administrator
for Enforcement

Enclosure