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NVS-216 nlm
Ref. No. 10457273

Dear Mr. Silver:

Thank you for your correspondence concerning the Pirelli Scorpion 120/70ZR 17 tires on your client's model year (MY) 2002 Buell Cyclone M2 motorcycle. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence.

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 do not have authority to act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

Your client, [REDACTED] indicated that while riding his MY 2002 Buell Cyclone motorcycle the front Pirelli Scorpion tire blew out, but there was no evidence of a puncture. A dealer discovered a puncture mark but there was no indication of any foreign object present and the tire would not hold air. [REDACTED] believes that Pirelli Scorpion motorcycle tires are defective and that they should be recalled. In addition, he is requesting reimbursement for the cost of the tire, installation, and his time.

We have reviewed our database in an effort to identify whether a safety defect trend exists with regard to Pirelli Scorpion motorcycle tires. At this time, there is insufficient evidence to indicate a defect trend and thus warrant opening a safety defect investigation. However, the information you provided on behalf of [REDACTED] has been entered into our database. It will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention. Your client's request for reimbursement does not fall under our jurisdiction. We recommend that [REDACTED] continue to work with Pirelli and the dealer to resolve his problem.

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at www.nhtsa.dot.gov Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at our web site.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Reid".

Randy Reid, Chief
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