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Nat'l Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 7TH Street SW
Washington, DC 20590
*1200 New Jersey Ave SW
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RE: REPORT SAFETY DEFECT

NHTSA:

I am writing in regards to a problem with my 2009 Yamaha Star Motorcycle XVS95Y ©
Motorcycle #JYAVNO1E39A [REDACTED] Approx: 7200 miles – original tires.

On August 25, 2012 I was on a poker run and had driven about 50 miles and when I started up a small grade and around a horseshoe turn (40 MPH) without any warning my motorcycle started to lug and wobble. Those behind me thought I was on fire because of the smoke and smell. I inched my way to the side of the road and when I stopped there was grease all over the rear of my motorcycle around the rear axel. On inspection by my husband and others in the group, they noticed my axel was broken and one side had fallen out. It looked like it had been cut in half and than broke. We parked it in someone's yard and picked it up the next day.

On August 28, 2012 my husband contacted the dealer and Yamaha and was told to take it to the dealer. Long story short Yamaha fixed the problem at no cost to me and I received my bike back on September 13.

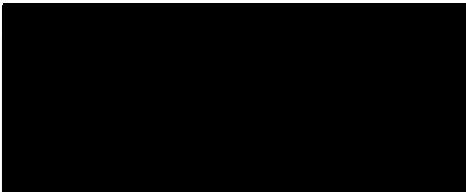
What I want to stress it that there was not one warning sign nor do I have any idea how this axel was cut and broken. I did not even have time to become scared. The dealer did take photos of my axel and said that all of the parts had to be returned to Yamaha.

However I asked to see my axel and it looked like it had be cut and than broken in two pieces.

All I can say is THANK YOU GOD, I could have been injured or even killed if one event had changed that day.

If you need any further information please call me at [REDACTED] after 12 noon.

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