



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: RQ 10-002
Prompted by:
Date Opened: 01/27/2010 **Date Closed:** 05/10/2010
Principal Investigator: Robert Young
Subject: Motorcycle Stalling

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: BIG DOG MOTORCYCLES, LLC
Products: 2004 BIG DOG CHOPPER, MASTIFF AND PITBULL
Population: 1,895
Problem Description: ENGINE STALLS WHEN ELECTRONIC HARNESS CONTROLER FAILS

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	6	10	16
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
Other*:	2	0	2

*Description of Other: Recall 06V301 and Web Forum Postings.

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Big Dog is recalling the subject vehicles (10V-180). Close this RQ.

Summary:

This RQ was opened based on seemingly related owner complaints involving motorcycles outside the scope of 06V-301. During the course of subsequent discussions with the company, we learned that the earlier model year Big Dogs had a problem with the electronic harness control module connector that they'd previously addressed with a TSB. Since the TSB addressed a safety-related issue (stalling), Big Dog agreed to recall the motorcycles subject to the TSB (10V-180). With that decision, ODI agreed to waive requiring a response to its information request and is now closing this RQ.