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Ms. Kathleen C. DeMeter
Director of Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
US Department of Transportation, Room 5326
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

The following information is submitted in accordance with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's reporting regulations, 49CFR Part 573.6.

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. has learned that a condition affecting safety exists in an Accessory Voltage Regulator Cover when installed on certain 2004 and 2005 FXD, FXDX, FXDI, FXDXI Dyna Glide model motorcycles, or 2005 FXDC and FXDCI Dyna Glide models.

IDENTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT POTENTIALLY CONTAINING THE DEFECT:

There have been 2,322 Accessory Voltage Regulator Covers, part number 74593-04, shipped to the US market. These could be installed on any 2004 and 2005 Dyna Glide models, but are only problematic on the models listed above. We estimate that 464 of the parts have been installed on the above designated Dyna models that create a safety problem for the application.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:

When this Accessory Voltage Regulator Cover (Part # 74593-04) is installed on 2004 and 2005 FXD, FXDX, FXDI, FXDXI, Dyna Glide model motorcycles, or 2005 FXDC and FXDCI Dyna Glide model motorcycles, it may contact the front fender under certain conditions. In some cases, this contact may allow the cover and fender to lock together, thereby limiting suspension travel and steering.

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CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

Photos were received from a dealer in April of 2004, depicting fender damage from contact with Accessory Regulator Cover. Parts were put on shipment hold in April. A review of warranty and Customer Contact System records revealed 5 reported incidents of fender hanging up in cover. Further investigation and analysis confirmed the problem. We are not aware of any injuries or deaths resulting from this condition. In November, Harley-Davidson decided to declare this a safety issue.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM TO REMEDY THE DEFECT:

The remedy of this defect is to remove the accessory cover from the models listed above.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTOR COMPANY PRE-NOTIFICATION REMEDY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM:

Harley-Davidson Motor Company incorporates by reference herein the general reimbursement plan it has previously provided to NHTSA for reimbursing customers for remedy costs incurred prior to notification of this recall.

PART 577 NOTICE LETTER:

A draft of the owner notification letter is attached.

Please advise the undersigned of the campaign number assigned by ODI to this recall.

Sincerely,



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For Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc.