



Harley-Davidson Motor Company, 2700 West Johnson Ave., PO Box 988, Milwaukee, WI 53201 414/943-6890

May 24, 2004

Ms. Kathleen C. DeMeter
Director, Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 5326
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Recall No. 04V-134; Supplemental Submission
by Harley-Davidson Motor Company

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

Harley-Davidson Motor Company (Harley-Davidson) is supplementing its Part 573 notice letter in the above-captioned matter, submitted on March 17, 2004. Harley-Davidson is expanding the recall population in two respects as follows:

- (1) The campaign will now include all 2001-2003 model year FLTRI motorcycles. On further review of production data, Harley-Davidson decided that the subject FLTRI motorcycles should be added to the recall population. The number of motorcycles in this category (all of production) is 6,112. The affected owners will receive the owner letter approved by NHTSA/ODI on March 19, 2004, referencing the 2001-2003 FLTRI motorcycles.
- (2) Certain 1999-2000 model year Touring and Police motorcycles, with the same coverage as the initial recall, specifically, FLHPI, FLHTPI, FLHPE, FLHPEI, FLHTCI, FLHTCUI, FLTRSEI and FLTRI, only in those situations where owners have replaced the stator component with P/N 29987-99A. Those 1999-2000 model year motorcycles which have retained the original stator do not have the subject defect, and accordingly are not subject to this recall. Motorcycles within the cited models for model years 1999-2000 with the stator replacement will, as a result of that action, have the defect cited in Harley-Davidson's initial defect notice letter of March 17, 2004.

Based on stator replacement sales data and field information, Harley-Davidson believes that 937 1999-2000 model year motorcycles have had a stator changeout and constitute the

affected population subject to this recall. Dealers and owners will be advised (see attached) of the relevant population subject to recall in this particular.

Since the 937 vehicles involved cannot be specifically identified out of the total production of 1999-2000 model year motorcycles, Harley-Davidson will be sending its owner notification letter for this recall segment to all owners of the referenced 1999-2000 model year motorcycles.

Harley-Davidson has added the 1999-2000 model year motorcycles, with the qualification as noted immediately above, to this campaign as a result of recent testing of the subject motorcycles. These tests indicated that 1999-2000 model motorcycles which had had charging system stator replacements were converted to the same charging system as the vehicles subject to the original recall.

A dealer bulletin and draft of an owner notification letter (reflecting the expanded population for 1999-2000 motorcycles) is attached.

In all other respects, Harley-Davidson's March 17, 2004 notice letter is accurate and incorporated herein by reference.

Sincerely,



Ronald L. Mundt
For Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc.

Attachments (2)



Harley-Davidson Motor Company, 3750 West Avenue Ave., PO Box 653, Milwaukee, WI 53201 414-343-4056

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Dear Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Owner:

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2001-2003 Model Year FL Touring and Police model motorcycles, including FLHPI, FLHTPI, FLHPFI, FLHTCI, FLHTCUI, FLTRI and FLTRSEI-2. These motorcycles have a condition whereby the 40 Amp. main circuit breaker could open due to reasons other than for which it was designed, causing an unexpected interruption of all electrical power to the motorcycle. This condition could cause a "quit while riding" situation, which could occur without warning and ultimately lead to a crash, thereby presenting a risk of death or injury to the rider.

Our records indicate that you purchased one of the motorcycles involved in this safety recall identified by the VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) shown on this letter.

We strongly urge you to take your motorcycle to your dealer to have the appropriate service performed as soon as possible. Should you choose to ride your motorcycle prior to this service, we urge you to be aware of this condition.

Please contact your Harley-Davidson motorcycle dealer immediately and arrange an appointment to have your circuit breaker replaced. The dealer labor time to perform this service takes approximately 1 hour and the parts and labor will be free of charge to you. Parts should be available at your dealership the week of April 26th, 2004.

To verify that the service has been completed, Your dealer will ask you to sign a recall claim. If you have sold your motorcycle, please forward the appropriate information about your purchaser to us. This will enable us to contact him/her and advise that person of this recall. Also, Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If you had this repair before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information contact Harley-Davidson at 1-414-343-4056.

If you take your motorcycle to your dealer on a mutually agreed upon date and he does not perform the required service to your satisfaction, please contact Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. for immediate assistance at the address or telephone number listed on this letterhead. If your dealer or Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. fails or is unable to remedy your motorcycle without charge within a reasonable time, you may wish to inform the Administrator, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-DASH-2DOT or contact NHTSA at www.NHTSA.DOT.GOV.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause you, but we are initiating this action in the interest of your personal safety and satisfaction with our products. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc.



Harley-Davidson Motor Company, 3750 West Johnson Ave., PO Box 657, Milwaukee, WI 53201 414/343-4990

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Dear Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Owner:

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 1999-2000 Model Year FL Touring and Police model motorcycles, including FLHPI, FLEHTPI, FLHTCI, FLETCU, FLTRI, FLTRSEI, FLHPE, and FLHPRI. If the charging system has been upgraded, as part of a repair or for other reasons, to a 45 amp system through the installation of a new stator, part number 29987-99A, these motorcycles would have a condition whereby the 40 Amp. main circuit breaker could open due to reasons other than for which it was designed, causing an unexpected interruption of all electrical power to the motorcycle. This condition could cause a "quit while riding" situation, which could occur without warning and ultimately lead to a crash, thereby presenting a risk of death or injury to the rider.

Our records indicate that you purchased one of the motorcycles on which this upgrade could have been installed.

If you are aware that the charging system on your motorcycle has been upgraded, or if you are not sure if this upgrade has been installed, we strongly urge you to take your motorcycle to your dealer to have the appropriate service performed as soon as possible. Should you choose to ride your motorcycle prior to this service, we urge you to be aware of this condition.

Please contact your Harley-Davidson motorcycle dealer immediately and arrange an appointment to have your circuit breaker replaced. The dealer labor time to perform this service takes approximately 1 hour and the parts and labor will be free of charge to you. Parts should be available at your dealership the week of May 24th, 2004.

To verify that the service has been completed, Your dealer will ask you to sign a recall claim. If you have sold your motorcycle, please forward the appropriate information about your purchaser to us. This will enable us to contact him/her and advise that person of this recall. Also, Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

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