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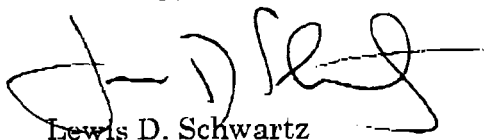
Patricia Wallace
Recall Management Division
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Washington, D.C.

Re: American IronHorse Motorcycle
Company, Inc.; Recall No. 04V-395

Dear Ms. Wallace:

Please accept for filing the enclosed Second Supplemental Defect Recall Report supplementing and amending the Reports filed August 6, 2004 and August 10, 2004 with information not available when the earlier reports were filed. Please contact the undersigned with any comments.

Sincerely,



Lewis D. Schwartz

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cc: Mr. David Patty

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL DEFECT RECALL REPORT

RECALL NO. 04V-395

American IronHorse Motorcycle Company, Inc. ("American IronHorse") filed an initial report on August 6, 2004, which was supplemented on August 10, 2004, regarding a safety defect for an item of original equipment included on its 2004 model motorcycles. This second supplemental report supplements and amends the earlier reports with additional information that was not available at the time of the earlier reports.

The following paragraphs amend the same numbered paragraphs in the report dated August 10, 2004.

This report was prepared September 14, 2004.

1. American IronHorse is the fabricating manufacturer of the motorcycles being recalled. Yuasa Battery, Inc. ("Yuasa") is the fabricating manufacturer/brand name/trademark owner of the item of original equipment being recalled, a battery, Part Number YTX24HL. Yuasa's business address is 2901 Montrose Avenue, Reading, Pennsylvania 19605 and its business telephone number is 610-929-5781.

2. The defect is the mechanical failure during operation of the motorcycle of a battery, Part Number YTX24HL, manufactured by Yuasa, that is original equipment on all motorcycles manufactured by American IronHorse for the model year 2004, except the Stalker model and some 2004 models manufactured early in the 2004 model year. The battery failure can cause the motorcycle engine to stop suddenly, which can cause an unsafe situation if the motorcycle is in operation when the failure occurs. The affected motorcycles were manufactured between August 23, 2003 and August 4, 2004. Models manufactured before the 2004 model year were equipped with a different battery manufactured by Yuasa and effective August 4, 2004 American IronHorse discontinued equipping its motorcycles with the YTX24HL battery. Approximately 1,625 of the batteries being recalled were acquired by American IronHorse for use as original equipment on 2004 models. American IronHorse records do not indicate by VIN number which motorcycles were equipped with a battery being recalled; therefore, the recall notice will be sent to all 2,170 purchasers of 2004 model year motorcycles (other than 2004 Stalkers). It is estimated, however, that not more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the purchasers to be notified will have a battery being recalled. American IronHorse does not claim that the YTX24HL battery is defective in any use other than with its motorcycles and it has not been determined why the high rate of mechanical failures has occurred in this application. American IronHorse has not had a similar problem with other batteries on the same model motorcycles and Yuasa has stated to American IronHorse that it has not had similar failures with the YTX24HL battery in other applications.

3. American IronHorse determined the recall population by calculating the total number of 2004 motorcycles produced through August 4, 2004 (exclusive of the 2004 Stalker). The following is a list of the 2004 model year motorcycles (exclusive of the Stalker), the potential number of each model affected by the recall, and the vehicle identification number ("VIN") ranges of each model affected:

Model	Number Potentially Affected	Vin Range
Texas Chopper	1,514	5L5TX044041000008 through 5L5TX066X41001505
Slammer	283	5L5SZ044041000015 through 5L5SZ166X41000110
Outlaw	208	5L5SY044041000003 through 5L5SY066641000151
Legend	118	5L5SC044041000016 through 5L5SC066241000131
Tejas	27	5L5SJ044041000006 through 5L5SJ066541000002
LSC	18	5L5TH144041000013 through 5L5TH166741000024
Signature Series	1	5L5SS166141000002 through 5L5SS166141000002
Cutter	1	5L5TR044541000001 through 5L5TR044541000001
Total	2,170	

4. The following is a chronology of principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect relates to motor vehicle safety:

Beginning in late 2003 American IronHorse began receiving claims that the Yuasa YTX24HL battery on 2004 models failed prematurely, and in mid-November 2003 two batteries were sent to the manufacturer, Yuasa, for a determination of the reason for failure. It was reported that both batteries had mechanical failures, one a broken terminal foot and the other a broken strap that holds the plates inside the battery. In mid-February 2004 thirty additional failed batteries were sent to Yuasa for testing. Results from the testing indicated four of the thirty batteries had mechanical failures. At this time it was still not determined that the failures posed a safety hazard. On February 26, 2004 Yuasa sent two representatives to meet with representatives of American IronHorse regarding the battery issue and American IronHorse was told that changes had been made to the manufacturing process to alleviate the problem. Yuasa batteries continued to fail, and on June 28, 2004 American IronHorse returned thirty-one additional failed batteries to Yuasa for testing, at Yuasa's request. On August 3, 2004 engineers from American IronHorse traveled to Yuasa's facility to witness the testing. Ten of the thirty-one batteries tested had mechanical failures, and Yuasa told an American IronHorse engineer that Yuasa would replace all of the batteries with model YTX20HL batteries. Upon receiving this report, on August 4, 2004 American IronHorse management, after a discussion with the engineering department, concluded that the battery failure could cause a motorcycle to shut down suddenly, creating a potentially dangerous situation, and authorized the full recall of all 2004 motorcycles affected for replacement of the YTX24HL batteries.

5. American IronHorse's plan for remedying the defect is to replace all Yuasa YTX24HL batteries with Yuasa YTX20HL batteries, or its equivalent, which have not shown a propensity to fail during operation of the American IronHorse motorcycles. American IronHorse will request each owner to bring his motorcycle to a dealer for a free replacement of the battery. An owner who already paid to have the battery replaced before the defect was discovered will be reimbursed for reasonable costs incurred in replacing the battery. Yuasa is working with American IronHorse to provide the replacement batteries to dealers as soon as possible. The date on which recall notices were sent to motorcycle owners was September 1, 2004.

6. Copies of any notices regarding the defect sent by American IronHorse to its dealers have been previously filed with NHTSA.

7. American IronHorse has previously provided the NHTSA Office of Defects Investigation with a copy of its proposed owner notification letter, all enclosures and envelope at least five federal government business days before it intends to begin mailing it to owners.