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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 on certain 2005 FLHTPI model police motorcycles.

IDENTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT POTENTIALLY CONTAINING THE DEFECT:

This recall involves seventy-two 2005 model year FLHTPI police motorcycles manufactured between June 2, 2004 and August 25, 2004.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:

The 2005 model Year FLHTPI model police motorcycles subject to this recall were built with a defective wiring harness. On these vehicles, the antilock brake system (ABS) is wired through the same fuse circuit as the ABS malfunction warning light. As a result, the operator of the motorcycle would lose power to his ABS warning light at the same time he loses power to the ABS brake system if this particular fuse would blow. The gauges of the motorcycle are also wired through this fuse circuit and, should this fuse blow, would also cease to function.

SUPPLIER INFORMATION:

AFL Automotive LP
36555 Corporate Drive
Farmington Hills, Mi. 48331

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS: During routine testing of a test fleet, it was discovered that when the fuse to the electrical circuit powering the ABS brakes blew, the ABS warning light on some vehicles also lost power and would not illuminate. Vehicles were immediately put on shipment hold until the problem could be analyzed. The ensuing investigation enabled Harley-Davidson to discover the defect described in the "Description of Defect" section above. As a precautionary measure, Harley-Davidson Motor Company declared a safety recall on November 24, 2004.

To our knowledge there have been no accidents or injuries related to this issue.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM TO REMEDY THE DEFECT:

The remedy of this issue is to replace the wiring harness on the affected vehicles.

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

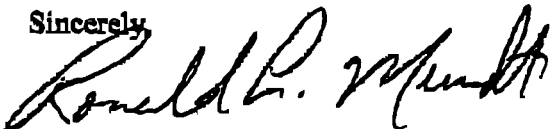
Harley-Davidson Motor Company incorporates by reference herein the general reimbursement plan it has previously provided to NHTSA for reimbursing customers for remedy costs incurred prior to notification of this recall.

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,



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



Harley-Davidson Motor Company, 3700 West Juneau Ave., PO Box 553, Milwaukee, WI 53201 #147434680

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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 on certain 2005 Model Year FLHTPI police motorcycles manufactured between June 2, 2004 and August 25, 2004. These vehicles were built with a defective wiring harness. On these vehicles, the antilock brake system (ABS) is wired through the same fuse circuit as the ABS malfunction warning light. As a result, if the ABS electrical circuits fuse were to blow the operator of the motorcycle would lose power to his ABS warning light at the same time he loses power to the ABS brake system. Since the ABS warning light would not illuminate due to the loss of electrical power the motorcycle operator might not be aware his ABS brakes were not functional. The gauges of the motorcycle are also wired through this fuse circuit and, should this fuse blow, would also cease to function.

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. 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. 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 wiring harness replaced. The dealer labor time to perform this service takes less than 1 hour and the parts and labor will be free of charge to you. Parts should be available at your dealership on approximately the week of December 20th, 2004.

To verify that the service has been completed, Dealer will ask you to sign a recall claim. If you have sold your motorcycle, please forward the appropriate information about your purchaser. 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 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 25090, 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.