

BMW Group

November 29, 2004

Mr. Kenneth N. Weinstein
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Recall Campaign – Rear Brake Line Adapter
2005 BMW R1200GS Motorcycles**

04V-576
(6 pages)

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 and 49 CFR Part 573.

Pursuant to Section 573.6(c) of the above, we submit the following information.

1. Manufacturer: Bayerische Motoren Werke AG (BMW AG)
Designated Agent: BMW of North America, LLC
Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07677
2. Make: BMW
Model Year / Model: 2005 / R1200 GS
Inclusive Dates of Manufacture: September 30, 2004 – October 28, 2004
3. The number of motorcycles potentially containing the defect is approximately 485.
4. The percentage of motorcycles estimated to actually contain the defect is less than ten percent.
5. The potential defect involves the rear brake line. Specifically, an adapter in the line is used in order to connect a rigid section of the line to a flexible section of the line. If the rigid section of the line is not properly engaged in the adapter, it is possible for a leak to develop. In certain extreme cases, brake fluid loss can result. If this happened, a failure of the rear braking system would occur. However, the front braking system is not affected, and the capability to bring the motorcycle to a stop would still exist.

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The name, business address, telephone number and contact person of the manufacturer of the brake line adapter is:

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Mr. Hohner



6. BMW first became aware of the potential problem as a result of quality control inspection procedures during routine testing in the Berlin motorcycle assembly plant. A leak was observed in the rear brake line of one motorcycle subsequent to testing. Investigations revealed that the leak was due to a manufacturing fault during production and assembly of the rear brake line adapter at the supplier plant.

Subsequent investigations and analyses resulted in an identification of the potential defect, as well as, a determination of the range of potentially affected motorcycles.

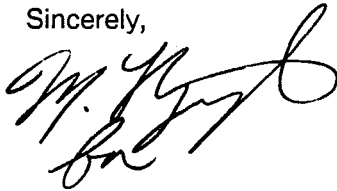
BMW has received no reports, nor is BMW otherwise aware of any accidents or injuries related to this issue.

7. Not applicable.
8. BMW will conduct a recall campaign to remedy the affected motorcycles. Specifically, the rear brake line and adapter will be inspected. If the inspection reveals that the rigid section of the rear brake line is not properly engaged in the adapter, the entire adapter will be replaced.

BMW expects to begin and complete dealer and owner notification in December 2004.

9. A copy of the Service Bulletin will be submitted when available.
10. A draft copy of the owner notification letter is attached.
11. Not applicable.

Sincerely,



Karl-Heinz Ziwick
Vice President
Engineering US

Attachment

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December 2004

Recall Campaign No. 04V-xxx, R1200GS – Rear Brake Line Adapter

Dear BMW Owner:

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

BMW AG has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2005 BMW R1200 GS motorcycles. Our records indicate that you are the owner of a potentially affected motorcycle.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT

The defect involves the rear brake line. Specifically, an adapter in the line connects a rigid section to a flexible section. If the rigid section is not properly engaged in the adapter, it is possible for a leak to develop. In certain extreme cases, brake fluid loss could result. If this happened, rear braking capability would not be possible.

However, the front braking system is not affected, remains fully functional, and the capability to bring the motorcycle to a stop would still exist.

You may continue to ride your motorcycle; however, you must have the problem corrected promptly.

PRECAUTIONS

1. **CONTACT YOUR AUTHORIZED BMW RETAILER IMMEDIATELY TO HAVE THE NECESSARY REPAIR PERFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**
2. **If you are in any way concerned with your ability to safely operate the motorcycle, please contact your authorized BMW retailer to arrange for pickup and repair of the motorcycle.**
3. **If you experience a loss of rear braking capability while riding your motorcycle, notice a leak in the rear brake line, or observe the brake warning lamp in the instrument cluster, you may be experiencing this problem. In this case you should pull over carefully to a safe location away from traffic and immediately contact BMW Roadside Assistance at 1-800-332-4269 to have the motorcycle brought to the nearest Authorized BMW retailer.**
4. **If you are not the only rider of this motorcycle, please advise all other riders of this important information.**

DESCRIPTION OF REPAIR

The repair will consist of inspecting the rear brake line and adapter on all affected motorcycles. If the inspection reveals that the rigid section of the brake line is not properly engaged in the adapter, then the entire adapter will be replaced

This repair may take up to one and a half hours, and will be performed free of charge by your Authorized BMW retailer. Additional time may be required depending on the BMW retailer's scheduling and processing.

OTHER INFORMATION

If you are no longer the owner of this motorcycle, we would appreciate you furnishing us with the name and address of the new owner using the enclosed postage-paid card.

If you are a lessor of this motorcycle, Federal Regulations require you to forward this notice to your lessee.

If you have already had this repair performed at your own expense, please see the attachment regarding possible eligibility for reimbursement.

Should you have any questions about this campaign, please contact your Authorized BMW retailer.

Again, we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

We appreciate your confidence in our product, and we wish to do everything we can to retain your confidence. Should you need additional assistance, you may contact BMW Customer Relations and Services at 1-800-831-1117.

If the BMW retailer is unable to remedy the defect without charge or within a reasonable period of time, you may notify the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

BMW OF NORTH AMERICA, LLC

TREAD ACT CUSTOMER REIMBURSEMENT PLAN
(BMW of North America, LLC)

Customer Reimbursement for Safety Related Recall Repairs
Effective with Safety related recalls initiated January 15, 2003

The customer is encouraged to request reimbursement from their authorized BMW retailer. Alternatively, the customer may submit the request for reimbursement to the following address:

Customer Relations Department
BMW of North America, LLC
P.O. Box 1227
Westwood, NJ 07675-1227

In all cases:

- Repair expenses pertaining to the subject of the safety recall are reimbursable, not consequential expenses such as towing, rental, accommodations, damage repairs, etc.
- Expenses from repair facilities outside of the BMW retailer network will be considered; however, the procedure must meet BMW standards and use BMW Genuine Parts.
- When BMW Genuine Parts are used, the Manufacturers Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) will be considered as the guideline for reasonable charges.
- Expenses for repairs performed more than 10 days after the date of the last owner notification letter sent by BMW are not eligible for reimbursement.
- Taxes and hazardous waste disposal, where previously paid, are eligible for reimbursement.
- BMW will not reimburse for prior repairs that did not utilize BMW Genuine Parts.

The authorized BMW retailer will request a copy of the owner notification letter, as well as, a copy of the owner's previously paid invoice, and then inspect the vehicle (if still in the possession of the invoice holder) to determine the scope and quality of the previous repair. Claims shall be processed within 60 days of receipt.

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