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National Highway
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Administration

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. **04V-463** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **September 21, 2004**

Date Faxed: **September 30, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Harley-Davidson Motor Company**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Mr. Ronald L. Mundt**
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SUBJECT: **2,828 Harley-Davidson 2004-2005 Touring, Softail, Dyna, V-Rod and XL motorcycles manufactured from June 22, through July 29, 2004. A condition occurs that could allow pressure to build up in the fuel tank. On fuel injected vehicles, this condition could cause fuel to spray out unexpectedly when the fuel cap is removed. On carbureted vehicles, excessive fuel could be transferred to the carburetor, which would eventually allow fuel to drip from the air cleaner. These situations could cause serious personal injury or create a fire hazard for persons or property on or near the motorcycle.**

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

I have reviewed your proposed dealer bulletin and owner letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin October 11, 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2005.

Please let me know when the actual mailing takes place and, provide this office with final copies of all documents relating to the recall.

If you have any questions, please call:

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