



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

400 Seventh Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20590

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

Assigned Recall No. 04V-523 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **October 27, 2004**      Date Faxed/E-Mailed: **November 4, 2004**

**MANUFACTURER: Big Dog Motorcycles, LLC**

**MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Doug Stuhlsatz, General Counsel  
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**SUBJECT: 4,457 Big Dog 2004 Boxer, Bulldog, Chopper, Chopper DT, Mastiff, Pitbull, Ridgeback and 2003 Mastiff and Chopper motorcycles. The kickstand spring attaching stud may break off allowing the kickstand to deploy into the extended position. If the kickstand deploys it could cause a crash without prior warning.**

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 they meet 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 December 15, 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2005.

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

If you have any questions, please call:

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