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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Mr. Ronald Mundt  
Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc.  
3700 West Juneau Avenue  
Milwaukee, WI 53201-0653

NVS-215kjs

Dear Mr. Mundt:

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. (Harley-Davidson) is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in safety recall 04V-607 who have not had their motorcycles corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves 9,501 MY 2005 Sportster, Dyna, Softail, and Touring motorcycles may have been produced with a defective fuel shut-off valve. Owner notification began on February 7, 2005. Through the fourth quarter of 2005, Harley-Davidson's fourth reporting quarter, Harley-Davidson reports that of the 9,501 motorcycles involved, 1,316 have been remedied, and 2,189 motorcycles have been inspected and no remedied was required, resulting in a completion rate of 37 percent.

Harley-Davidson should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

- Before conducting the owner renotification, Harley-Davidson should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.
- Harley-Davidson's proposed owner renotification letter for this recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "Follow-up Notification," and must be submitted to NHTSA for review before owner renotification begins. Part 577.10(e)(1) specifically requires that the renotification letter be identified as a ". . . follow-up to an earlier communication."
- In addition to the six quarterly status reports required under 49 CFR Part 573.6, "Quarterly Reports," Harley-Davidson is requested to file three additional quarterly status reports.

- Furnish a proposed schedule for conducting the owner renotification that includes the following information:
  - a. the date on which the search of current state motor vehicle registration records will be initiated in order to update the original owner list;
  - b. the approximate date on which the revised owner list will be available to initiate owner renotification;
  - c. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will begin; and
  - d. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will be completed (if the owner renotification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner renotification date for each segment).

Harley-Davidson's renotification schedule and a draft of the proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by March 23, 2006.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Kelly Schuler of my staff at (202) 366-5227, by fax at (202) 366-7882, or by e-mail at [kschuler@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:kschuler@nhtsa.dot.gov).

Sincerely,



George Person, Chief  
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Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement