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NVS-215  
05V-052

Subject: ELECTRIC HARNESS CONTROL

Dear MR. STUHLSATZ:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**  
BIG DOG/BIG DOG/2005

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-052

**Recall Date:** February 10, 2005

**Components:**  
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1586

**Summary:**  
ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, AN ELECTRONIC COMPONENT FAILURE COULD OCCUR IN THE ELECTRIC HARNESS CONTROL (EHC) MODULE.

**Consequence:**  
THIS COULD RESULT IN A TOTAL SHUT DOWN OF THE MOTORCYCLE'S ELECTRICAL POWER INCREASING THE RISK OF CRASH.

**Remedy:**  
DEALERS WILL ADD A RESISTOR HARNESS TO ELIMINATE THE SUSCEPTIBILITY OF THE COMPONENT IN THE ELECTRIC HARNESS CONTROL MODULE TO FAIL. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN MARCH 15, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT BIG DOG MOTORCYCLES AT 316-267-9121.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

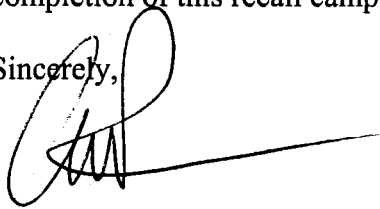
Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

Please provide us with the model names of the motorcycles involved.

As stated in Part 573.7, 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, owner notification is expected to begin on March 15, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2005.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division

cc: Lawrence Henneberger