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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215
05V-067

Subject: PASSENGER SEAT MOUNTING HARDWARE

Dear JURA:

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:

YAMAHA/XV250/1996-2005
YAMAHA/XVS65/1996-2005
YAMAHA/XVS11/1996-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-067

Recall Date: February 25, 2005

Components:

SEATS:MOTORCYCLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 190000

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, THE MOUNTING HARDWARE HOLDING THE PASSENGER SEAT TO THE FENDER COULD LOOSEN DUE TO THE PASSENGER'S WEIGHT SHIFTING ON THE SEAT.

Consequence:

IF THE MOUNTING HARDWARE BECOMES LOOSE ENOUGH TO FALL OFF, THE PASSENGER SEAT CAN FALL OFF THE REAR FENDER. A PASSENGER ON THE MOTORCYCLE COULD LOSE BALANCE AND FALL, CAUSING SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE PASSENGER SEAT'S MOUNTING HARDWARE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH OR APRIL 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT YAMAHA AT 1-800-227-5963.

Notes:

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

I have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it is missing some information under the requirements of Part 577.

A statement needs to be added concerning reimbursement for prior repairs, i.e., "If you had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information contact Yamaha at 1-800-227-5963."

Please let me know the date when the actual mailing takes place.

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).

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 or delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

/s/ Patricia A. Wallace for

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division