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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215
05V-149

Subject: PRIMARY DRIVE SPROCKET NUT

Dear MR. STUHLSTZ:

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, as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

BIG DOG/CHOPPER/2005
BIG DOG/CHOPPER DT/2005
BIG DOG/MASTIFF/2005
BIG DOG/PITBULL/2005
BIG DOG/RIDGEBACK/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-149

Recall Date: April 13, 2005

Components:

POWER TRAIN

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,418

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, THE PRIMARY DRIVE SPROCKET NUT MAY BACK OFF THE ENGINE MAIN SHAFT.

Consequence:

THIS COULD CAUSE THE PRIMARY DRIVE TO LOCK UP AND CAUSE A CRASH. THIS CONDITION COULD OCCUR WITHOUT ANY PRIOR WARNING.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE THE DRIVE SPROCKET NUT. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON MAY 15, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT BIG DOG AT 316-267-9121.

Notes:

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

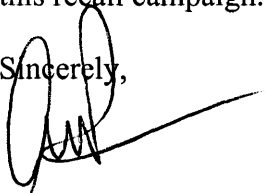
We have reviewed your proposed dealer bulletin and owner letter and they meet the requirements of Part 577.

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).

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, the recall is expected to begin on May 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 or delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division