



U.S. Department
of Transportation

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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

April 29, 2005

KARL HEINZ-ZIWICA
BMW OF NORTH AMERICA, LLC
300 CHESTNUT RIDGE ROAD
WOODCLIFF LAKE NJ 07675

NVS-215
05V-172

Subject: THROTTLE HOUSING

Dear MR. HEINZ-ZIWICA:

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:

BMW/R 1200 ST/2005
BMW/R1200 GS/2005
BMW/R1200 RT/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-172

Recall Date: April 18, 2005

Components:

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 500

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, EXPOSURE OF THE THROTTLE HOUSING TO ROAD DEBRIS COULD FALL AND BECOME CAUGHT BETWEEN THE THROTTLE-BODY AND THE ENGINE BLOCK.

Consequence:

THIS COULD RESTRICT MOVEMENT OF THE THROTTLE-CABLE PULLEY THAT, IN TURN, COULD AFFECT THROTTLE OPERATION AND INCREASE THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL A COVER OVER THE THROTTLE-CABLE PULLEY. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING APRIL 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT BMW AT 1-800-332-4269.

Notes:

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

Please provide us with a date of when the manufacturer became aware of the recall.

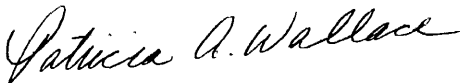
We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

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 April 30, 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,



for George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division