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NVS-215
05V-199

Subject: SUSPENSION/SHOCK ABSORBER

Dear MR. SCHWARTZ:

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:

AMERICAN IRONHORSE/TEXAS CHOPPER/2005
AMERICAN IRONHORSE/LEGEND/2005
AMERICAN IRONHORSE/SLAMMER/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-199

Recall Date: April 29, 2005

Components:

SUSPENSION:FRONT:SHOCK ABSORBER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 199

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES EQUIPPED WITH PROGRESSIVE SUSPENSION, THE SHOCK ABSORBERS HAVE A SPRING PLATE ASSEMBLY THAT WAS INSTALLED UPSIDE DOWN RESULTING IN THE SHOCK ABSORBER FAILING TO HOLD THE WEIGHT OF THE MOTORCYCLE AND IN SOME INSTANCES COULD SUDDENLY DECOMPRESS WHILE THE MOTORCYCLE IS IN OPERATION.

Consequence:

SHOCK ABSORBER FAILURE WILL CAUSE THE MOTORCYCLE TO LEAN GREATLY TO THE SIDE OF THE DEFECTIVE SHOCK ABSORBER INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH, SERIOUS INJURIES OR DEATH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE ALL SHOCK ABSORBERS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON MAY 15, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT AMERICAN IRONHORSE AT 1-888-618-4766.

Notes:

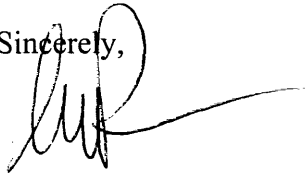
CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

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).

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
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