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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215
05V-427

Subject: MIRRORS

Dear MR. MUNDT:

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:

H-D/FLHX/2006
H-D/FLHXI/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-427

Mfg's Report Date: September 19, 2005

Components: VISIBILITY:REARVIEW MIRRORS/DEVICES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,393

Summary:

CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES WERE BUILT WITH MIRRORS THAT WERE IMPROPERLY LOCATED ON THE INNER FAIRING.

Consequence:

IN THIS CONDITION, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ADJUST THE MIRRORS PROPERLY, THEREBY NOT ALLOWING THE RIDER TO HAVE THE APPROPRIATE REARWARD FIELD OF VISION, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

AT THE OPTION OF THE OWNER, THE DEALER WILL (1) REPLACE THE INNER FAIRING WITH A NEW INNER THAT HAS THE MIRROR MOUNTING HOLES PROPERLY POSITIONED; (2) DRILL ANOTHER HOLE AND HAVE THE MIRRORS REPOSITIONED. THIS METHOD WILL CAUSE THE ORIGINAL HOLE TO BE EXPOSED OUTSIDE OF THE MIRROR BASE, WHICH IS COSMETICALLY UNDESIRABLE. THE EXPOSED HOLE WOULD BE COVERED WITH A DECAL; OR (3) DRILL ANOTHER HOLE AND HAVE THE MIRRORS REPOSITIONED, THEN, AT A LATER DATE, HAVE THE MIRRORS REPLACED WITH NEW MIRRORS THAT HAVE A LARGER BASE WHICH WILL COVER THE ORIGINAL MOUNTING HOLE. THIS RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT HARLEY-DAVIDSON AT 414-343-4056.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

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).

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

Regulations requiring manufacturers conducting safety recalls to include the NHTSA Vehicle Safety Hotline phone number in their notification letters to owners [49 CFR 577.5(g)(1)(vii)] has changed. In a technical amendment to the regulation published in the June 21, 2005 Federal Register [70 FR 35556] manufacturers' owner letters must contain the new phone number and the NHTSA's web address. Accordingly, beginning July 21, 2005, please revise your owner letters to include the following statement. "A statement informing the owner that he or she may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; or *call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>...*"

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, owner notification is expected to begin during October 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2006.

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 Patricia A. Wallace

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Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
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