



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

400 Seventh Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20590

*September 27, 2005*

RONALD L. MUNDT  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTOR COMPANY  
3700 JUNEAU AVENUE  
MILWAUKEE WI 53208

NVS-215  
05V-428

Subject: FRONT BRAKE LINE

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/FLHTCSE2/2005  
H-D/FLHTCUSE/2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-428

**Mfg's Report Date:** September 19, 2005

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:HOSES, LINES/PIPING,  
AND FITTINGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 460

**Summary:**

CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES MAY HAVE FRONT BRAKE LINES WHICH COULD LEAK  
DUE TO A MANUFACTURING DEFECT.

**Consequence:**

SHOULD THIS COMPONENT FAIL WHEN IN USE ON THE MOTORCYCLE, ALL  
FUNCTIONALITY OF THE FRONT BRAKE SYSTEM WOULD BE LOST WITHOUT  
WARNING, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE FRONT BRAKE LINE AND REPLACE IT IF THE BRAZE IS NOT VISIBLE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT HARLEY-DAVIDSON AT 1-414-343-4056.

**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](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov](mailto: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  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement

cc: Lawrence F. Henneberger  
Arent Fox