



Harley-Davidson Motor Company, 3700 West Junco Ave., PO Box 859, Milwaukee, WI 53201 414/342-4680

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Ms. Kathleen C. DeMeter  
Director of Office of Defects Investigation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
US Department of Transportation, Room 5326  
400 Seventh Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

The following information is submitted in accordance with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's reporting regulations, 49CFR Part 573.6.

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. has learned that a condition affecting safety exists on late 2005 FLHTCSE2 and early 2006 FLHTCUSE CVO model motorcycles built from June 1, 2005 through July 8, 2005.

**IDENTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT POTENTIALLY CONTAINING THE DEFECT:**  
There have been 288 2005 FLHTCSE 2 AND 2006 FLHTCUSE CVO model motorcycles with 172 suspect parts (part # 4626104) shipped to the US market.

**DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:**

The affected motorcycles may have front brake lines which could leak due to a manufacturing defect. Should this component fail when in use on the motorcycle, all functionality of the front brake system would be lost without warning.

**SUPPLIER INFORMATION:**

Dana Coupled Products  
2910 Waterview Drive  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309  
Mr. Bill Thorsted  
(248) 293-7587

**CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:**

During routine testing at the supplier in early July, 2005, parts failed under air pressure test. York, PA plant was informed early in July, 2005. All products that had been built, but had not yet shipped, were immediately put on hold. An investigation confirmed that the parts could cause a loss of braking function if they failed while in use. We are not aware of any injuries, deaths, or accidents resulting from this condition. In September, 2005, Harley-Davidson decided to declare this a safety issue.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM TO REMEDY THE DEFECT:**

The remedy of this defect is to inspect the front brake line and replace if the braze is not visible on the models listed above.

**HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTOR COMPANY PRE-NOTIFICATION REMEDY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM:**

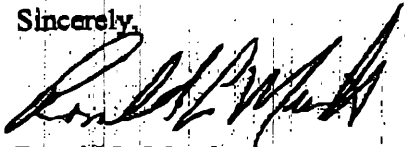
Harley-Davidson Motor Company incorporates by reference herein the general reimbursement plan it has previously provided to NHTSA for reimbursing customers for remedy costs incurred prior to notification of this recall.

**PART 577 NOTICE LETTER:**

A draft of the owner notification letter is attached.

Please advise the undersigned of the campaign number assigned by ODI to this recall.

Sincerely,



Ronald L. Mundt  
For Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc.



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## **DRAFT**

Dear Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Owner:

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. has decided that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists on late 2005 FLHTCSE2 and early 2006 FLHTCUSE CVO model motorcycles built from June 1, 2005 through July 8, 2005. The affected motorcycles may have front brake lines that could leak due to a manufacturing error. Should this occur when in use on the motorcycle, all functionality of the front brake system would be lost without warning, thereby presenting the risk of a crash and possible injury or death to the rider.

Our records indicate that you purchased one of the model motorcycles listed above that may have the condition involved in this recall.

**We strongly urge you to take your motorcycle to your dealer to have the appropriate service performed as soon as possible. If you had this repair before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information contact Harley-Davidson at 1-414-343-4056. Should you choose to ride your motorcycle prior to this service, we urge you to be aware of this condition.**

Please contact your Harley-Davidson motorcycle dealer immediately and arrange an appointment to have your front brake line inspected and replaced if necessary. The actual dealer labor time to perform this service will take approximately ½ to 1 ½ hours, depending on whether or not there is a need to replace the component. The parts and labor will be free of charge to you. Parts will be available at your dealership the week of October 10, 2005.

To verify that the service has been completed, your Dealer will ask you to sign a recall claim. If you have sold your motorcycle, please forward the appropriate information about your purchaser. This will enable us to contact him/her and advise that person of this recall. Also, Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If you take your motorcycle to your dealer on a mutually agreed upon date and they do not perform the required service to your satisfaction, please contact Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. for immediate assistance at the address or telephone number listed on this letterhead. If your dealer or Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. fails or is unable to remedy your motorcycle without charge within a reasonable time, you may wish to inform the Administrator, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 25090, or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-DASH-2DOT or contact NHTSA at [www.NHTSA.DOT.GOV](http://www.NHTSA.DOT.GOV).

We regret any inconvenience this may cause you, but we are initiating this action in the interest of your personal safety and satisfaction with our products. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc.