



May 27, 2005

Safety Recall Notice #05V-233

Dear Big Dog Motorcycles' Dealer/Service Center:

This notice is sent to you regarding requirements set forth by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Big Dog Motorcycles, L.L.C. (Big Dog Motorcycles) has determined that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists on all 2005 Bulldog models manufactured between March 29, 2005 and May 12, 2005. The front fender brackets could fail, allowing the front fender to detach and cause a crash. This condition could occur without any prior warning. At this time Big Dog Motorcycles has no reports of any accidents or injuries related to this condition.

A recall notice will be sent to the registered owners of these motorcycles. A list of all motorcycles sold to your dealership that are affected by this recall is enclosed. Redesigned fender brackets for these motorcycles are included with this notice. Some of the motorcycles affected by this recall are shown in your inventory. **We ask that you immediately suspend all pending and future sales of motorcycles affected by this recall campaign until the remedy has been performed.** It is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to deliver a new vehicle covered by this notice under a sale or lease until the defect is remedied. Federal regulations require any lessor receiving this letter to forward it to the lessee within 10 days.

What You Should Do

Owners of the above-mentioned motorcycles will contact you to schedule this remedy. Enter a warranty claim through AWS using Labor Op R05V-233. Big Dog Motorcycles will pay .5 hour of labor for the replacement of the front fender brackets at your posted hourly shop rate. The defective fender brackets must be returned to Big Dog Motorcycles using the return tag in the warranty claim. Contact the Customer Service Department for any questions you may have on submitting claims or receiving additional parts for recall repairs.

We will inform the owners of these motorcycles of this remedy on or about May 31, 2005. You can advise them of the exact turnaround time based on scheduling and any other factors that may exist.

We appreciate your cooperation and prompt attention to this important matter. Big Dog Motorcycles apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause you, but assures you that we have taken this step as one that is important to our customer's personal safety.

Should you have any questions, contact Customer Service at 316-267-9121.

Sincerely,
BIG DOG MOTORCYCLES, L.L.C.



Replacement Instructions
2005 Bulldog Front Fender Brackets
Recall #05V-233

It is necessary to remove the front wheel to replace fender brackets on the 2005 Bulldog. The following procedure must be performed with the rear secured and the front wheel elevated.

NOTE: Due to the front brake caliper location, the front fender must be removed and installed as an assembly with the brackets attached.

Torque Specifications

Front wheel axle bolt	45 ft lbs
Bracket to fender 5/16 X 18	18 ft-lbs and blue Loctite 242
Bracket to lower fork Allen 5/16 X 18	18 ft-lbs and blue Loctite 242
Allen front axle pinch bolt 5/16 X 18	18 ft-lbs and blue Loctite 242

Procedure

1. Secure the rear wheel.
2. Elevate the front wheel.
3. From the right side, remove the 5/16 Allen axle pinch bolt.
4. From the left side remove the axle nut.
5. Remove the axle and front wheel.
6. Remove fender and bracket assembly.
7. Remove brackets from fender.
8. Clean all debris and Loctite from nut, bolt and hole threads.
9. Apply one drop of blue Loctite 242 to 5/16 X 18 fender bracket bolts.
10. Install brackets to front fender (left and right are identical) and apply 18 ft-lbs. torque to the bolts.
11. Apply one drop of blue Loctite 242 to 5/16 X 18 fender bracket bolts.
12. Install front fender assembly to the lower forks and apply 18 ft lbs torque to the Allen 5/16 X 18 bolts.
13. Install front wheel making sure that both right and left wheel spacers are in place while sliding the axle through from the right side. Insert the axle bolt from the left side.
14. Torque axle nut to 45 ft-lbs while rotating the front wheel assuring free movement with no binding.
15. Apply one drop of blue Loctite 242 to the Allen front axle pinch bolt 5/16 X 18.
16. Apply 18 ft-lbs torque to pinch bolt.
17. Check the center alignment of the fender to wheel.
18. Apply brakes while rotating the front wheel assuring free movement and reseating the brake pads.
19. Test ride

Any questions should be directed to the Customer Service Department at Big Dog Motorcycles.