



Harley-Davidson Motor Company, 3700 West Juneau Ave., PO Box 6503, Milwaukee, WI 53201 414/342-4000

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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 certain 2004 and 2005 model year Sportster 883R and 1200R motorcycles.

IDENTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT POTENTIALLY CONTAINING THE DEFECT:
Certain 2004 and 2005 883R and 1200R model motorcycles built from June 25, 2003 to June 3, 2005. There have been 9,506 motorcycles shipped to the US market. This comprises the entire US production containing the subject defect.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:

The front master brake cylinder assembly had been built by a supplier with inadequate lubrication on the secondary cup. This could cause the sliding resistance of the piston to be excessive, which in turn could cause the return of the piston to be slow upon release of the brake. In extreme cases, the piston may not return completely. If this happens, the rear brake light could remain illuminated which could cause a crash or injuries.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

In November 2005 an increase in warranty complaints related to brake master cylinders on certain models was detected. These primarily related to rattling brake levers, but some complaints involved brake lights remaining illuminated. A subsequent investigation and analysis was launched which developed information indicating a safety issue existed. On May 26, 2006 the Company decided to declare a recall.

To our knowledge there have been no accidents or injuries related to this issue.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM TO REMEDY THE DEFECT:

The remedy of this defect is to rebuild the master cylinder.

SUPPLIER INFORMATION:

Nissin Brake Ohio
1901 Industrial Drive
P.O. Box 886
Findlay, OH 45839-886
Contact Name: Michael Bonczak, Senior Account Manager
Contact Number: 248-324-0127

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.

DEALER NOTIFICATION:

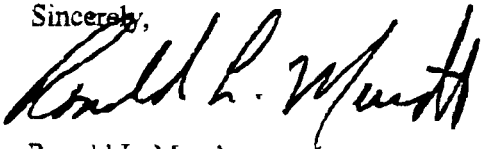
Harley-Davidson expects to notify its dealer network not later than June 12, 2006.

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. Murdt
For Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc.
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Harley-Davidson Motor Company, 3700 West Juneau Ave., PO Box 653, Milwaukee, WI 53201 414/343-4056

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 certain 2004 and 2005 model year Sportster 883R and 1200R motorcycles, built from June 25, 2003 to June 3, 2005. The front master brake cylinder assembly installed on these vehicles had been built by a supplier with inadequate lubrication on the secondary cup. This could cause the sliding resistance of the piston to be excessive, which in turn could cause the return of the piston to be slow upon release of the brake. In extreme cases, the piston may not return completely. If this happens, the rear brake light could remain illuminated which could result in a crash or injuries without warning.

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 contact your dealer to make arrangements 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 the master cylinder rebuilt. The actual dealer labor time to perform this service will take less than 1 hour. The parts and labor will be free of charge to you. Recall kits will be available at your dealership beginning the week of July 10, 2006.

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 20590, or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-DASH-2DOT (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or contact NHTSA at <http://www.safercar.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.
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