



BUELL MOTORCYCLE COMPANY
3700 WEST JUNEAU AVE, MILWAUKEE, WI 53201
414.342.4680 | buell.com

2006-07-11 11:00 AM
INVESTIGATION

July 7, 2006

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

06V-245
(4 pages)

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

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

Buell Distribution Company, LLC has determined that a condition affecting safety may exist on the sidestand of certain Buell motorcycles.

IDENTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT POTENTIALLY CONTAINING THE DEFECT:
The motorcycles possibly containing the defective sidestands are 2006 model year Buell Ulysses motorcycles. There have been approximately 1,021 motorcycles built between March 15, 2005 and June 16, 2006 with this condition.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:
Buell Distribution Company, LLC has determined that the above vehicles may have been built with two assembly issues that could compromise the sidestand's performance. As a result of these defects, either the pivot bolt for the sidestand leg or the mounting bracket bolts could break, possibly without notice. If either of these failures occurs, the motorcycle could fall, possibly causing death or injury.

SUPPLIER INFORMATION:
GSK Technologies Inc.
789, Chung Shan Road Sec. 2
Huatang Shiang, Changhua Shian 503, Taiwan, ROC
Contact Name: Tim Hsieh
Phone Number: +886-4-7632666 Ex1. 801

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

Late April, 2006 field reports on 2006 Ulysses model motorcycle sidestand failures, led to an investigation of warranty data and customer contact data. The investigation resulted in Buell Distribution Company, LLC declaring a safety recall on June 29, 2006.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM TO REMEDY THE DEFECT:

The correction for this issue is to replace the sidestand assembly and fasteners.

BUELL PRE-NOTIFICATION REMEDY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM:

Buell 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 Buell Distribution Company, LLC



BUELL MOTORCYCLE COMPANY
3700 WEST JUNEAU AVE. MILWAUKEE, WI 53201
414.342.4680 | buell.com

Dear Buell Motorcycle Owner:

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

Buell Distribution Company, LLC has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety may exist on the sidestand of certain 2006 Buell model XB12X Ulysses motorcycles, built between March 15, 2005 and June 16, 2006.

There are two possible assembly issues that could compromise the sidestand's performance. These defects could cause either the pivot bolt for the sidestand leg or the mounting bracket bolts to break, possibly without notice. If either of these failures occurs, the motorcycle could fall, possibly causing death or injury.

Our records indicate that you are the owner of one of the above listed motorcycles involved in this safety recall as identified by the VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) shown on the enclosed Dealer Service Card.

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 Buell Distribution Company, LLC at 1-414-343-8400. Should you choose to ride your motorcycle prior to this service, we urge you to be aware of this condition.

Please contact your Buell motorcycle dealer immediately and arrange an appointment to have your sidestand repaired. The dealer labor time to perform this service takes approximately 1.5 hours or less, however, due to scheduling the dealer may require your motorcycle for a longer period of time. The parts and labor will be free of charge to you. Parts should be available at your dealership the week August 14, 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 he does not perform the required service to your satisfaction, please contact Buell Distribution Company, LLC for immediate assistance at the address or telephone number listed on this letterhead. If your dealer or Buell Distribution Company, LLC 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.

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,

Buell Distribution Company, LLC