

2006 DEC -18 A 10:30

OFFICE OF DEFECTS
INVESTIGATION

06V-474
(4 pages)

December 12, 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

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 determined that a defect affecting safety exists on certain 2006 FXDWGI and 2007 FXDWG Dyna model motorcycles.

IDENTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT POTENTIALLY CONTAINING THE DEFECT:

The recall population includes 10,397 (MY 2006) FXDWGI and (MY2007) FXDWG motorcycles built between June 17, 2005 and December 4, 2006.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:

These vehicles have internally wired handlebars, part number 59782-06/A, that have a potential to crack at the hole where the wires exit the handlebars between the handlebar clamps. Should these cracks progress to the point of breaking the handlebar into two pieces, a loss of control could result, which could cause injury or death to the rider.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

On 9/26/06 we became aware of a cracked handlebar, part number 59782-06/A, in Australia. Our subsequent investigation and analysis determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety existed and on 12/6/06 the Company decided to declare a recall in the United States and in those other countries where the subject motorcycles were also sold.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM TO REMEDY THE DEFECT:

The remedy of this defect is to replace the original handlebar 59782-06/A, with handlebar 59782-06B. This replacement handlebar has a greater wall thickness and the wire-exit hole has a shape that reduces stress concentration.

SUPPLIER INFORMATION:

Lee Fabricators
2181 N. Hwy 113
Temple, GA 30179
770-562-3945
Contact: Sid Garner

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:

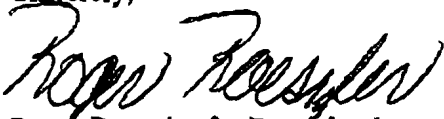
Harley-Davidson expects to notify its dealer network not later than the week of January 15th, 2007.

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,



Roger Roeszler for Ron Mundt
Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc.
0127

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 2006 FXDWGI and 2007 FXDWG motorcycles built between June 17, 2005 and December 4, 2006. These vehicles have internally wired handlebars, part number 59782-06/A, that have a potential to crack at the hole where the wires exit the handlebars between the handlebar clamps. Should these cracks progress to the point of breaking the handlebar into two pieces, a loss of control issue could occur, which could cause an accident leading to 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 contact your dealer to make arrangements to have the appropriate service performed as soon as possible. If you have had this defect repaired 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 handlebar replacement performed. The actual dealer labor time to perform this service will take less than two hours; 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. Recall kits will be available at your dealership beginning the week January 15th, 2007.

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 (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.
0127