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Ms. Kathleen C DeMeter  
Director, Office of Defects Investigation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 5326  
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Supplemental Part 573 Report; NHTSA Recall #06V-476;  
Harley-Davidson Recall #0128; Voltage Regulator**

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

On behalf of my client Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. (Harley-Davidson), I am submitting this supplemental notice letter to advise that a second remedy program for the above-referenced recall will be needed to accommodate those owners who have installed engine guards (an **aftermarket** accessory item) on their subject motorcycles, since these engine guards prevent mounting of the bracket which will relocate the voltage regulator in a position providing more clearance from the front fender (the initial remedy).

Accordingly, the "Description of the Program to Remedy the Defect," as contained in Harley-Davidson's Part 573 letter of December 14, 2006, should be amended to read as follows:

The **remedy** of this **defect (a)** for those subject motorcycles which do not have accessory engine guards, is to install **an** intermediate mounting bracket that will relocate the voltage regulator in a position which provides more clearance from the front fender; and (b) for those subject motorcycles which have accessory engine **guards**, to install the thinner dimension voltage regulator which is being used in current production to avoid the front fender clearance problem.

Harley-Davidson's initial customer letter was forwarded to owners on or about January 22, 2007. The second customer letter reflecting the alternative remedy as outlined above (draft copy attached) will be sent to owners on or about March 16, 2007, subject to the agency's review of the attached draft. The requisite remedy parts are available **at** the present time for both remedy programs.

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In all other respects, Harley-Davidson's Part 573 letter of December 14, 2006, is accurate and complete.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Henneberger", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lawrence F. Henneberger

Attachment (Draft, Revised Part 577 Owner Letter)

cc: Robert J. Brand, Esq. (w/attachment)  
Mr. Roger Roeszler (w/attachment)  
Ms. Lisa Garner (w/attachment)

Dear Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Owner:

Please note this is a revision of our January 22, 2007 letter.

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 2007 XL model motorcycles built from May 24, 2006 through November 14, 2006, including the following models: XL883, XL883C, XL883L, XL883R, XL1200C, XL1200R, XL1200L, and XL50. These vehicles were built with voltage regulator part number 74546-07 which, as a result of a greater body thickness than used in previous model years, may contact the front fender under certain conditions. In some cases this contact may allow the front fender to catch on the top side of the regulator body, which could impede the operator's ability to steer the vehicle. This could result in an accident, which could cause 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 a mounting bracket installed that will relocate the voltage regulator in a position which will provide more clearance from the front fender. If you have installed an engine guard, part number 49060-04, your dealer will install a kit containing a current production regulator which does not require the relocation kit. The actual dealer labor time to perform this service will be less than one hour; 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 March 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.  
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