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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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BMW NORTH AMERICA, LLC 1 BMW PLAZA  
MONTVALE NJ 07675-1866

NVS-215dgl  
07V-066

Subject: OIL TANK VENTILATION

Dear MR. BALOGA:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

BMW/K1200 GT/2005-2007  
BMW/K1200 R/2004-2007  
BMW/K1200 R SPORT/2005-2007  
BMW/K1200 S/2003-2005  
BMW/K1200 S/2007  
BMW/K1200 S /2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 07V-066

**Mfg's Report Date:** February 14, 2007

**Components:** ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 6,631

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, FREQUENT SHORT TRIPS PARTICULARLY DURING COLD TEMPERATURES, CAN CAUSE WATER TO ACCUMULATE IN THE OIL TANK, AND WHEN THE ENGINE IS RUNNING, ESCAPING WATER VAPOR CAN CONDENSE ON THE OIL TANK AIR BLEED VALVE. IN FREEZING TEMPERATURES, THIS WATER COULD FREEZE AND BLOCK THE AIR BLEED VALVE.

**Consequence:**

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT A PRESSURE BUILD UP IN THE OIL TANK COULD CAUSE IT TO RUPTURE, ALLOWING OIL TO LEAK ONTO THE REAR TIRE. AN OIL LEAK COULD CAUSE A FIRE THAT MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSTALL FREE OF CHARGE A NEW OIL TANK CAP CONTAINING A VALVE TO PREVENT OVERPRESSURE IN THE TANK. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING FEBRUARY OR MARCH 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BMW AT 1-800-831-1117.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

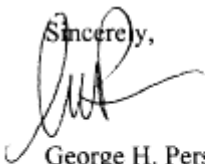
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during February or March 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before April 30, 2007.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [patricia.wallace@dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement