



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
07V-151

Subject: SIDE STAND/ FRAME BOTTOM SECTION

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/F650 GS/2006-2007

BMW/F650 GS DAKAR/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-151

Mfg's Report Date: March 23, 2007

Components: STRUCTURE: MOTORCYCLE KICKSTAND/CENTER STAND

Potential Number of Units Affected: 305

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, THE WELD BETWEEN THE SIDE STAND AND THE FRAME BOTTOM SECTION WAS NOT POSITIONED PROPERLY. THE LOAD-BEARING CAPABILITY OF THE SIDE STAND IS AFFECTED. AS A RESULT, THE SIDE STAND COULD FAIL.

Consequence:

IF THIS OCCURRED WHEN THE MOTORCYCLE WAS PARKED, THE MOTORCYCLE COULD FALL TO THE GROUND AND INJURE A PERSON SITTING ON THE MOTORCYCLE OR A PERSON NEARBY.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL A NEW FRAME BOTTOM SECTION FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING APRIL 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BMW AT 1-877-680-2176.

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 April 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before July 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 or delia.lopez@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



for George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
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Enforcement