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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

April 30, 2007

RON MUNDT
HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTOR COMPANY
3700 JUNEAU AVENUE
MILWAUKEE WI 53208

NVS-215paw
07V-173

Subject: BATTERY CABLE CONTACTS WELD ON OIL TANK

Dear MR. MUNDT:

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:

HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLSTC/2007
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLSTC SHRINE/2007
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLSTF/2007
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLSTF SHRINE/2007
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLSTN/2007
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLSTSC/2007
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FXST/2007
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FXSTB/2007
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FXSTC/2007
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FXSTD/2007
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FXSTSSE/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-173

Mfg's Report Date: April 20, 2007

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY:CABLES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 52,240

Summary:

CERTAIN SOFTAIL MOTORCYCLES WERE BUILT WITH A CONDITION THAT PERMITS THE POSITIVE BATTERY CABLE TO CONTACT A WELD BEAD ON THE OIL TANK. THIS MAY CAUSE THE WELD BEAD TO ABRABE THROUGH THE INSULATION ON THE CABLE AND CAUSE AN ELECTRICAL SHORT FROM THE BATTERY THROUGH THE OIL TANK AND OIL LINES.

Consequence:

THIS COULD LEAD TO AN OIL LEAK AND/OR POSSIBLE FIRE, WHICH COULD RESULT IN INJURY OR DEATH TO THE RIDER.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL A BATTERY CADDY THAT WILL PROTECT THE CABLE AND ENSURE PROPER CABLE ROUTING. THIS RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT APRIL 30, 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HARLEY-DAVIDSON AT 1-414-342-4080.

Notes:

HARLEY-DAVIDSON RECALL NO. 0130. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO 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 does not meet all the requirements of Part 577. A statement that a defect may exist cannot be used. This statement implies that the defect may not exist on any of the vehicles and is considered to be a disclaimer specifically prohibited by Part 577.8(a). Please change the sentence to read "Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. has decided that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists on certain 2007 Softail model ...".

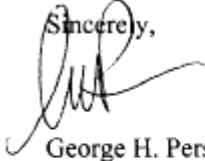
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 on or about April 30, 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,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

cc: Lawrence F. Henneberger
Arent Fox