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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215paw  
07V-356

Subject: TACHOMETER BOARD

Dear MR. STUHLSATZ:

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:**

BIG DOG/BULLDOG/2005  
BIG DOG/CHOPPER/2006  
BIG DOG/DT-CHOPPER/2005  
BIG DOG/K-9/2006  
BIG DOG/MASTIFF/2005-2006  
BIG DOG/N-CHOPPER/2005  
BIG DOG/PITBULL/2005-2006  
BIG DOG/RIDGEBACK/2005-2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 07V-356

**Mfg's Report Date:** August 6, 2007

**Components:** ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: ALTERNATOR/GENERATOR/REGULATOR

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 7,611

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, A WARPED BUS BAR WITHIN THE VOLTAGE REGULATOR CAN CAUSE A SHORT CIRCUIT.

**Consequence:**

THIS COULD POSSIBLY RESULT IN A FIRE.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE VOLTAGE REGULATORS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 1, 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BIG DOG AT 1-316-219-9129 OR EMAIL TO CUSTOMER.SERVICE@BIGDOGMOTORCYCLES.COM.

**Notes:**

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 meets the requirements of Part 577.

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

Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the build date range of motorcycles affected by this recall.

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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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), [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "P".

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

cc: Chris Grigorian, Arent Fox