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**National Highway
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Administration**

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NVS-215paw
07V-368

Subject: HANDLEBAR FASTENER

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/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-368

Mfg's Report Date: August 6, 2007

Components: HANDLEBAR FASTENER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 425

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, THE CLAMPING BLOCKS AND THE TOP FORK BRIDGE WERE NOT MANUFACTURED ACCORDING TO SPECIFICATIONS. CONSEQUENTLY, THE HANDLEBARS MIGHT NOT BE HELD SECURELY IN POSITION.

Consequence:

IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE HANDLEBARS TO MOVE OUT OF THEIR CORRECT POSITION WHEN THE MOTORCYCLE IS BEING MANEUVERED, OR WHEN IT IS BEING RIDDEN, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE TOP FORK BRIDGE AND BOTH CLAMPING BLOCKS ON THESE MOTORCYCLES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING AUGUST 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BMW AT 1-800-831-1117.

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 does not meet all the requirements of Part 577. A statement of the risk involved needs to be added to the end of the "Description of Defect" paragraph, i.e., "...or when it is being ridden, increasing the risk of a crash."

Also, please revise your owner letters to include the following updated NHTSA hotline information: "...the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>."

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. 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, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at 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