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**National Highway
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Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
07V-372

Subject: TRANSMISSION LOCK UP/HERZOG

Dear MR. RAE:

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:

URAL/GEAR-UP/2007
URAL/PATROL/2007
URAL/RETRO/2007
URAL/TOURIST/2007
URAL/TOURIST LX/2007
URAL/WOLF/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-372

Mfg's Report Date: August 10, 2007

Components: POWER TRAIN:AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 308

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES BUILT WITH A SIDECAR AND EQUIPPED WITH HERZOG TRANSMISSION GEAR SETS, THE TRANSMISSION MAIN SHAFT COULD BE OUTSIDE OF ACCEPTABLE TOLERANCE DUE TO INCORRECT MANUFACTURING OF TRANSMISSION MAIN SHAFT AND SPECIFIC RETAINING CLIPS. THE MAIN SHAFT AND RETAINING CLIPS MAY BE DEFECTIVE.

Consequence:

TRANSMISSION DAMAGE, EXCESSIVE GEAR WEAR, HARD SHIFTING, AND POSSIBLE FAILURE CAN OCCUR RESULTING IN REAR WHEEL LOCK UP INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

THE MOTORCYCLES WILL BE INSPECTED AND IF THE TRANSMISSION HAS DEFECTIVE SHAFTS AND RETAINING CLIPS, THE COMPLETE TRANSMISSION WILL BE REPLACED FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING AUGUST 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT IRBIT AT 1-888-990-8484.

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, but we would like to have the following changes made:

On the second paragraph please change the word "determined" to "decided".

On the second paragraph, please change the word "accident" to "crashes", i.e., Transmission damage, excessive gear wear, hard shifting, and possible failure resulting in rear wheel lock up increasing the risk of a crash.

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>."

A sentence should be added concerning leased vehicles, i.e., Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

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", written in a cursive style.

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