



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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NVS-215dgl  
07V-460

Subject: MELTED FUEL LINES

Dear MR. ZIER:

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/K-9/2008  
BIG DOG/MASTIFF/2008  
BIG DOG/RIDGEBACK/2008

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 07V-460

**Mfg's Report Date:** September 26, 2007

**Components:** FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:DELIVERY:HOSES, LINES/PIPING,  
AND FITTINGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 104

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, THE FUEL LINE CAN POTENTIALLY CONTACT HEATED METAL PARTS OF THE MOTORCYCLE AND MELT.

**Consequence:**

THIS CONDITION COULD OCCUR WITHOUT ANY PRIOR WARNING AND COULD RESULT IN FUEL LEAKAGE. FUEL LEAKAGE, IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE, COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE FUEL LINE WITH A NEW FUEL LINE THAT HAS HIGHER THERMAL RESISTANCE PROPERTIES. ALSO A NEW FUEL LINES WILL BE REROUTED TO FURTHER REDUCE EXPOSURE TO HEATED METAL. ALL MOTORCYCLES HAVE BEEN REPAIRED. NO OWNER NOTIFICATION WILL BE NECESSARY.

**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).

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).

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,



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