

March 23, 2007

Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

07V-151
(6 Pages)

Re: Recall Campaign
Frame bottom section, side stand
2006 - 2007 BMW F650 GS, F650 GS Dakar Motorcycles

Dear Mr. Smith:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 and 49 CFR Part 573.

Pursuant to Section 573.6(c) of the above, we submit the following information.

1. Manufacturer: Bayerische Motoren Werke AG (BMW AG)
Designated Agent: BMW of North America, LLC
Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07677
2. Make: BMW
Model Year / Model: 2006 - 2007 / F650 GS
2006 - 2007 / F650 GS Dakar
Inclusive Dates of Manufacture: F650 GS (Jun. 23, 2006 – Aug. 31, 2006)
F650 GS Dakar (Jun. 23, 2006 – Aug. 31, 2006)
3. The number of motorcycles containing the defect is approximately 205 F650 GS, and 100 F650 GS Dakar, models.
4. The percentage of motorcycles estimated to actually contain the defect is 100%.
5. The defect involves a weld between the side stand and the frame bottom section. A weld was not positioned properly, and as a consequence, the load-bearing capability of the side stand has been compromised. As a result, under load, the side stand could fail. If this occurred, the motorcycle could fall to the ground and injure a person sitting on the motorcycle or a person nearby.
6. BMW became aware of this matter as a result of a limited number of field reports pertaining to a broken side-stand holder. In one of these incidents, the owner notified BMW about an exacerbation to a pre-existing injury. In this specific case, the motorcycle involved was not able to be inspected.

Subsequent investigations and analyses resulted in a determination of the specific defect and the range of potentially affected motorcycles.
7. Not applicable.

Company

BMW of North America, LLC

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8. BMW will conduct a recall campaign to remedy the affected motorcycles. The frame bottom section will be replaced on all affected motorcycles.

BMW expects to begin and complete dealer and owner notification in March 2007.

9. Not applicable.
10. A copy of the Service Bulletin will be submitted when available.
11. A draft copy of the owner notification letter is attached.
12. Not applicable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas C. Baloga". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Thomas C. Baloga
General Manager
Safety Engineering and Intelligent Transportation Systems

Attachment

DRAFT

March 2007

Recall Campaign No. 07V-xxx, F650 GS, F650 DS Dakar
- Frame bottom section, side stand

Dear BMW Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

BMW AG has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2006 – 2007 BMW F650 GS and F650 GS Dakar motorcycles. Our records indicate that you are the owner of a potentially affected motorcycle.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT

The problem involves a weld between the side stand and the frame bottom section. Because a weld was not positioned properly, the load-bearing capability of the side stand is affected. As a result, the side stand could fail. If this occurred when the motorcycle was parked, the motorcycle could fall to the ground and injure a person sitting on the motorcycle or a person nearby.

You must have the problem corrected promptly. Failure to observe the following precautions could increase the risk of injury.

PRECAUTIONS FOR YOUR SAFETY

- 1. DO NOT OPERATE YOUR MOTORCYCLE. THIS COULD RISK LEAVING IT PARKED WHERE IT COULD SUDDENLY FALL ON A CHILD OR PERSON NEARBY.**
- 2. DO NOT USE THE SIDE-STAND EXCLUSIVELY TO SUPPORT THE MOTORCYCLE; INSTEAD, POSITION IT CAREFULLY AGAINST A WALL SO IT CANNOT FALL.**
- 3. CONTACT YOUR AUTHORIZED BMW DEALER IMMEDIATELY TO HAVE THE NECESSARY REPAIR PERFORMED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE BMW DEALER WILL ARRANGE FOR PICKUP AND REPAIR OF THE MOTORCYCLE.**
- 4. Should you need BMW Roadside Assistance, they can be reached at 1-877-680-2176.**
- 5. Please advise all other riders of this motorcycle of this important information.**

DESCRIPTION OF REPAIR

The repair will consist of installing a new frame bottom section on all affected motorcycles.

The actual repair may take up to half an hour; however additional time may be required depending upon the BMW dealer's scheduling and processing. This work will be performed *free of charge* by your Authorized BMW motorcycle dealer.

OTHER INFORMATION

If you are no longer the owner of this motorcycle, we would appreciate you furnishing us with the name and address of the new owner using the enclosed postage-paid card.

If you are a lessor of this motorcycle, Federal Regulations require you to forward this notice to your lessee.

If you have already had this repair performed at your own expense, please see the attachment regarding possible eligibility for reimbursement.

Again, we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Should you have any questions about this campaign, please contact your Authorized BMW dealer.

We appreciate your confidence in our product, and we wish to do everything we can to retain your confidence. Should you need additional assistance, you may contact BMW Customer Relations and Services by telephone at 1-800-831-1117, or by email at CustomerService@bmwmotorcycles.com.

If the BMW dealer is unable to remedy the defect without charge or within a reasonable period of time, you may notify the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington, DC 20590, call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

BMW OF NORTH AMERICA, LLC

TREAD ACT CUSTOMER REIMBURSEMENT PLAN
(BMW of North America, LLC)

If you have paid for the repair described in the attached letter, and you would like to be considered for reimbursement, please contact your authorized BMW motorcycle dealer. Expenses from repair facilities outside of the BMW motorcycle dealer network will be considered; however, the procedure must meet BMW standards and use BMW Genuine Parts.

Your authorized BMW motorcycle dealer will request a copy of your owner notification letter, as well as, a copy of your previously paid invoice, and then inspect the vehicle (if it is still in your possession) prior to submitting a claim on your behalf to BMW of North America, LLC for reimbursement.

Please note the following:

- Only a repair that is the subject of this safety recall is reimbursable. Consequential expenses such as towing, rental, accommodations, damage repairs, etc will not be reimbursed.
- When BMW Genuine Parts are used, the Manufacturers Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) will be considered as the guideline for reasonable charges.
- Expenses for repairs performed more than 10 days after the date of the last owner notification letter sent by BMW are not eligible for reimbursement.
- Taxes and hazardous waste disposal, where previously paid, are eligible for reimbursement.
- BMW will not reimburse for prior repairs that did not utilize BMW Genuine Parts.

We anticipate that your authorized BMW motorcycle dealer will be able to answer any questions that you may have regarding your qualifications for reimbursement of a previous repair. If you qualify for such a reimbursement, they will also be able to advise you of the manner in which you could receive reimbursement.

We recommend that your authorized BMW motorcycle dealer be your primary contact on this issue; however, our Customer Relations and Services Department may be contacted at 1-800-831-1117 for any special assistance that you may require.

Alternatively, you may submit your request for reimbursement to the following address:

Customer Relations and Services Department
BMW of North America, LLC
P.O. Box 1227
Westwood, NJ 07675-1227

TREAD ACT CUSTOMER REIMBURSEMENT PLAN
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Customer Reimbursement for Safety Related Recall Repairs
Effective with Safety related recalls initiated January 15, 2003

The customer is encouraged to request reimbursement from their authorized BMW motorcycle dealer. Alternatively, the customer may submit the request for reimbursement to the following address:

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BMW of North America, LLC
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Westwood, NJ 07675-1227

In all cases:

- Repair expenses pertaining to the subject of the safety recall are reimbursable, not consequential expenses such as towing, rental, accommodations, damage repairs, etc.
- Expenses from repair facilities outside of the BMW motorcycle dealer network will be considered; however, the procedure must meet BMW standards and use BMW Genuine Parts.
- When BMW Genuine Parts are used, the Manufacturers Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) will be considered as the guideline for reasonable charges.
- Expenses for repairs performed more than 10 days after the date of the last owner notification letter sent by BMW are not eligible for reimbursement.
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- BMW will not reimburse for prior repairs that did not utilize BMW Genuine Parts.

The authorized BMW motorcycle dealer will request a copy of the owner notification letter, as well as, a copy of the owner's previously paid invoice, and then inspect the vehicle (if still in the possession of the invoice holder) to determine the scope and quality of the previous repair. Claims shall be processed within 60 days of receipt.