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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION  
RECALL MGMT DIV.

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, 3700 West Junco Ave., PO Box 673, Milwaukee, WI 53201 414/742-4680

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June 27, 2007

Ms. Kathleen C. DeMeter  
Director of Office of Defects Investigation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
US Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

The following information is submitted in accordance with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's reporting regulations, 49CFR Part 573.6.

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. has decided that a defect affecting motor vehicle safety exists on certain 2006 VRSCR model motorcycles.

**IDENTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT POTENTIALLY CONTAINING THE DEFECT:**

The recall population includes 2,403 (MY 2006) VRSCR model motorcycles built prior to February 16, 2006.

**DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:**

The models built prior to the above date were designed and built with a condition whereby the pant leg of some riders can have direct contact with the exhaust pipe. This condition could cause the pant leg to char or burn, which could lead to the possibility of injury to the rider.

**CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:**

In July of 2005 Harley-Davidson became aware of issues in the field of riders' pants being charred or slightly burned by contact with the exhaust pipe on 2006 VRSCR model motorcycles. An investigation was opened, and it was concluded that it was highly unlikely that this condition was capable of leading to injury. Out of an abundance of caution, in February of 2006 a running change was made to add an additional heat shield (P/N 66820-06, referenced below) to motorcycles in production going forward, and in April of 2006 the issue was closed. Subsequently, we did receive field reports of injuries occurring as a result of this condition, and in March of 2007 reopened the investigation. On June 21, 2007 the Company decided to declare a recall.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM TO REMEDY THE DEFECT:**

The remedy of this defect is to add a new heat shield, P/N 66820-06, which provides additional coverage of the exhaust pipe.

**SUPPLIER INFORMATION:**

Not applicable.

**HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTOR COMPANY PRE-NOTIFICATION REMEDY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM:**

Harley-Davidson Motor Company incorporates by reference herein the general reimbursement plan it has previously provided to NHTSA for reimbursing customers for remedy costs incurred prior to notification of this recall.

**DEALER AND OWNER NOTIFICATION:**

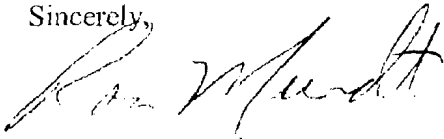
Harley-Davidson expects to notify its dealer network on or before the week of July 9, 2007 and owners on or about the week of July 16, 2007.

**PART 577 NOTICE LETTER:**

A draft of the owner notification letter is attached.

Please advise the undersigned of the campaign number assigned by ODI to this recall.

Sincerely,



Ron Mundt  
Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc.  
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Dear Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Owner:

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

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. has decided that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists on certain 2006 VRSCR model vehicles built prior to February 16, 2006. These motorcycles were designed and built with a condition whereby the pant leg of some riders can have direct contact with the exhaust pipe. This condition could cause the pant leg to char or burn, which could lead to the possibility of injury to the rider.

Our records indicate that you purchased one of the model motorcycles listed above that may have the condition involved in this recall.

**We strongly urge you to contact your dealer to make arrangements to have the appropriate service performed as soon as possible.**

Please contact your Harley-Davidson motorcycle dealer immediately and arrange an appointment to add a new exhaust shield, P/N 66820-06. Actual dealer labor time to perform this service will be less than one hour; however, due to scheduling, the dealer may require your motorcycle for a longer period of time. The parts and labor will be free of charge to you. Shipping of recall kits to the dealerships began the week of July 2, 2007.

To verify that the service has been completed, your Dealer will ask you to sign a recall claim. If you have sold your motorcycle, please forward the appropriate information about your purchaser. This will enable us to contact him/her and advise that person of this recall. Also, Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If you have had this defect repaired before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information contact Harley-Davidson at 1-414-343-4056. Should you choose to ride your motorcycle prior to this service, we urge you to be aware of this condition.

If you take your motorcycle to your dealer on a mutually agreed upon date and they do not perform the required service to your satisfaction, please contact Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. for immediate assistance at the address or telephone number listed on this letterhead. If your dealer or Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. fails or is unable to remedy your motorcycle without charge within a reasonable time, you may wish to inform the Administrator, The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 25090, or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-DASH-2DOT (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or contact NHTSA at <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause you, but we are initiating this action in the interest of your personal safety and satisfaction with our products. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc.

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