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September 11, 2007

Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington DC 20590

via FAX and Regular Mail

RE: Notice of Recall in Accordance with 49 CFR Part 573

Dear Mr. Smith:

Big Dog Motorcycles, L.L.C. (Big Dog Motorcycles) has decided that a safety defect may exist in the fuel line on 2008 Mastiff, K-9 and Ridgeback models built between June 11, 2007 and August 8, 2007. The following information is submitted in accordance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's defect reporting regulations, 49 C.F.R. Part 573.

Vehicle Identification and Population

The total population of affected units is 104. The breakdown of these 104 units by model is as follows:

2008

Mastiff - 36 units
K-9 - 30 units
Ridgeback - 38 units

However, 80 of these units have already had the fuel line replaced under Red Service Bulletin 1096 which Big Dog Motorcycles issued to its dealership network on August 20, 2007. In addition, our records indicate that all motorcycles within this recall population that have been sold to a consumer have already had the fuel line replaced under Red Service Bulletin 1096. To the best of our knowledge, the remaining 24 units affected by this recall are in our dealer inventories and have not been sold to a consumer.

Component Supplier

The fuel lines, which are the subject of this recall campaign, were manufactured by:

Fabricated Flex & Hose Supply
2037 Palmer Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 29001

However, Big Dog Motorcycles has not identified a defect with respect to this component.

Description of Defect

The fuel line can potentially contact heated metal parts of the motorcycle and melt. This condition could occur without any prior warning and could result in a crash. Accordingly, Big Dog Motorcycles has decided that Red Service Bulletin 1096 should be elevated to a recall. There are no reports of any accidents or injuries caused by this condition.

Chronology of Events

Big Dog Motorcycles received information that recently manufactured motorcycles were experiencing melted fuel lines. Big Dog Motorcycles commenced an investigation and evaluation of this issue. Big Dog Motorcycles issued Red Service Bulletin 1096 to its dealerships on August 20, 2007. Following discussion with outside counsel, Big Dog Motorcycles decided to issue a Part 573 letter for this issue on September 10, 2007.

Remedy Program

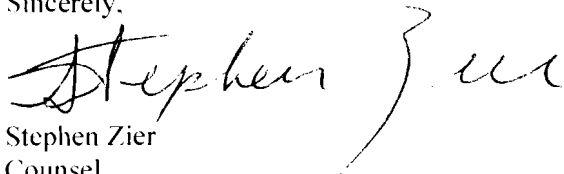
Big Dog Motorcycles' dealers and service centers will replace the fuel line with a new fuel line that has higher thermal resistance properties. As an added precaution, the new fuel lines will also be re-routed to further reduce exposure to heated metal. Big Dog Motorcycles is not planning on sending out a customer letter because our records indicate that all motorcycles within the recall population that have been purchased by a consumer have already had the subject fuel line replaced. Dealer replacement instructions are set forth in Red Service Bulletin 1096.

Reimbursement Program

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 577.11(e), Big Dog Motorcycles requests that it be exempted from providing notification of a reimbursement plan. All of the affected units are covered by the manufacturer's 2-year limited warranty. Accordingly, no person would be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to Part 573.13.

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

Sincerely,



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