

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, 3700 West Juneau Ave., PO Box 653, Milwaukee, WI 53201 -414/342-4680

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November 15, 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 early production 2008 Dyna FXD, FXDC, FXDL, FXDB, and FXDWG model motorcycles.

IDENTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT POTENTIALLY CONTAINING THE DEFECT:

The recall population includes 538 (MY 2008) Dyna FXD, FXDC, FXDL, FXDB, and FXDWG model motorcycles were built between July 3rd and September 6th, 2007.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:

The models built between the above dates were built and shipped to California without the catalytic muffler protective heat shield installed. This condition could allow direct contact with this muffler and could cause an injury. If contact occurs while riding, it could cause loss of control of the motorcycle, leading to injury or death.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

In September the company received a report that motorcycles intended for the California market had been assembled and shipped without a heat shield designed to guard the catalytic converter required for that market. The Company began an investigation and subsequently determined that a safety issue existed. On November 9, 2007 the Company decided to declare a recall.

To our knowledge there have been no accidents or injuries related to this issue.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM TO REMEDY THE DEFECT:

The remedy of this defect is to install the missing protective heat shield on each muffler.

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 November 19, 2007 and owners on or about the week of November 26, 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Roger Roeszler".

Roger Roeszler for 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 early production 2008 Dyna FXD, FXDC, FXDL, FXDB, and FXDWG model motorcycles were built between July 3rd and September 6th, 2007. These motorcycles were built and shipped to California without the catalytic muffler protective heat shield installed. This condition could allow direct contact with this muffler and cause an injury. If contact occurs while riding, it could cause loss of control of the motorcycle, leading to injury or death.

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 have the heat shields installed on your mufflers. 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 November 19, 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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