



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

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MR. RONALD MUNDT
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NVS-215paw
08V-090

SUBJECT: BRAKE LINE ROUTING

DEAR MR. MUNDT:

This letter serves to acknowledge Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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:

HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLHP/2005-2007
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLHPE/2005-2007
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLHPEI/2005-2007
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLHPI/2005-2007
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLHTP/2005-2007
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLHTPI/2005-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-090

Mfg's Report Date: February 25, 2008

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC: ANTILOCK

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5,947

Summary:

HARLEY-DAVIDSON IS RECALLING 5,947 MY 2005-2007 FLHP, FLHPI, FLHTP, FLHTPI, FLHPE AND FLHPEI POLICE AND ESCORT MOTORCYCLES EQUIPPED WITH ANTI-LOCK BRAKE SYSTEMS (ABS). INCONSISTENCIES IN THE ROUTING OF THE BRAKE LINES CAN CAUSE ABRASION OF THE BRAKE LINES AND HOSES. IN SOME CASES, THIS CONDITION HAS CAUSED BRAKE FLUID LEAKS.

Consequence:

LOSS OF BRAKE FLUID COULD LEAD TO LOSS OF BRAKE FUNCTION, WHICH COULD LEAD TO A CRASH RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE THE BRAKE LINES, IF NECESSARY. BRAKE LINE RETENTION AND CLUTCH CABLE POSITIONING DEVICES WILL ALSO BE INSTALLED TO PREVENT FUTURE ABRASION TO THE BRAKE LINES. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT MARCH 10, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HARLEY-DAVIDSON AT 1-414-342-4680.

Notes:

HARLEY-DAVIDSON RECALL NO. 0134. 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Wallace". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name of George H. Person.

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

cc: Lawrence Henneberger
Arent Fox LLP