U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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MR. JAN URBAHN
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NVS-215dgl
08V-111

Subject: WHEEL BEARING

Dear MR. URBAHN:

This letter serves to acknowledge BMW of North America, LLC'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:
BMW/G650X CHALLENGE/2007
BMW/G650X COUNTRY/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-111 **Mfg's Report Date:** February 27, 2008

Components: SUSPENSION: REAR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 744

Summary:
BMW IS RECALLING 744 MY 2007 G650X CHALLENGER AND COUNTRY MOTORCYCLES. THE MOTORCYCLES MAY HAVE HAD THE WRONG CIRCULAR CLIP INSTALLED ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE REAR WHEEL BEARING GUIDE. THIS CIRCLIP CAN RUB AGAINST A SPACER BUSHING, CREATING METAL SHAVINGS WHICH MAY ENTER THE WHEEL BEARING, CAUSING IT TO FAIL AND THE ANTILOCK BRAKE SYSTEM (ABS) MAY MALFUNCTION. THIS WOULD BE INDICATED BY ILLUMINATION OF THE ABS WARNING LAMP.

Consequence:
IF THIS HAPPENED, THE BRAKES WOULD REMAIN FULLY AVAILABLE TO SLOW AND STOP THE MOTORCYCLE. DEPENDING ON TRAFFIC AND ROAD CONDITIONS AS WELL AS A RIDER'S REACTIONS, COULD INCREASE THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:
DEALERS WILL CHECK AND INSTALL A CORRECT CIRCLIP, ALONG WITH A NEW SPACER BUSHING, WHEEL BEARINGS, AND SHAFT SEALING RINGS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BMW AT 1-800-831-1117.

Notes:
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.

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,

Patricia Wallace for

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