



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

August 14, 2008

MR. ROGER ROESZLER
HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTOR COMPANY, INC.
3700 JUNEAU AVENUE
MILWAUKEE WI 53208

NVS-215dgl
08V-357

Subject: FUEL FILTER SHELL/DELPHI POWERTRAIN

Dear MR. ROESZLER:

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/2008
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLHPE/2008
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLHR/2008
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLHRC/2008
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLHRSE4/2008
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLHT/2008
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLHTC/2008
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLHTCU/2008
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLHTCUSE3/2008
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLHTP/2008
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLHX/2008
HARLEY DAVIDSON/FLTR/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-357

Mfg's Report Date: July 21, 2008

Components: FUEL SYSTEM: GASOLINE: STORAGE: TANK ASSEMBLY: FILLER PIPE AND CAP

Potential Number of Units Affected: 47,579

Summary:

HARLEY DAVIDSON IS RECALLING 47,579 MY 2008 FLHP, FLHPE, FLHR, FLHRC, FLHRSE4, FLHT, FLHTC, FLHTCU, FLHTCUSE3, FLHTP, FLHX, AND FLTR MOTORCYCLES. THESE MOTORCYCLES MAY EXPERIENCE A CRACKING OF THE FUEL FILTER SHELL LEADING TO LOSS OF FUEL PRESSURE. THIS LOSS OF FUEL PRESSURE CAN CAUSE DIMINISHED PERFORMANCE AND, IN SOME CASES, MAY CAUSE AN ENGINE STALL OR A NO-START CONDITION.

Consequence:

THIS CONDITION COULD LEAD TO A CRASH WHICH COULD CAUSE INJURY OR DEATH TO THE RIDER.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE FUEL FILTER SHELL FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 4, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HARLEY DAVIDSON AT 1-414-343-4056.

Notes:

HARLEY-DAVIDSON RECALL NO. 0135. 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).

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.

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 black ink, appearing to read "G. Person". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "P".

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

cc: Mr. Lawrence Henneberger
Arent Fox