



Harley-Davidson Motor Company, 3700 West Juneau Ave., PO Box 653, Milwaukee, WI 53201 414/343-4680

February 25, 2008

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

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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 2005 through 2007 police and escort model motorcycles.

**IDENTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT POTENTIALLY CONTAINING THE DEFECT:**

This recall includes 5,947 (MY 2005 through 2007) FLHP, FLHPI, FLHTP, FLHTPI, FLHPE and FLHPEI motorcycles built February 25, 2004 through July 1, 2007, and covers the subject motorcycle population in its entirety.

**DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:**

The models built between the above dates were equipped with anti-lock brake systems (ABS), in which 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. Loss of brake fluid could lead to loss of brake function, which could lead to injury or death.

**CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:**

In October of 2007 we received a report from the field of brake line abrasion on an ABS equipped Police motorcycle. Our subsequent investigation and analysis determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety existed and on February 18, 2008 the Company decided to declare a recall.

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

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**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM TO REMEDY THE DEFECT:**

The remedy for this defect is to inspect brake line 40632-05/06 and 40610-05 for abrasion and replace if necessary. The remedy also includes installing the brake line retention and clutch cable positioning devices provided in the recall kit to prevent future abrasion to the brake lines.

**SUPPLIER INFORMATION:**

Dana Coupled Products  
200 East Wyandot Street  
Wharton, OH 43359  
Wanda Gray, Customer Service  
(419) 294-3827

**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:**

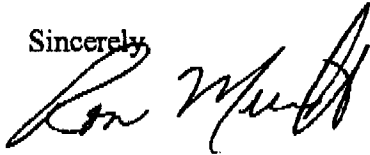
Harley-Davidson expects to notify its dealer network on or before the week of February 25, 2008 and owners on or about the week of March 10, 2008.

**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,



Ron Mundt  
Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc.  
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Harley-Davidson Motor Company, 3700 West JunEAU Ave., PO Box 6533, Milwaukee, WI 53201 414/342-4680

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 2005 through 2007 police and escort motorcycles (models: FLHP, FLHPI, FLHTP, FLHTPI, FLHPE and FLHPEI) built February 25, 2004 through July 1, 2007. These vehicles are equipped with anti-lock brake systems (ABS), in which 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. Loss of brake fluid could lead to loss of brake function, which could lead to a crash resulting in 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 your vehicle inspected and repaired. Actual dealer labor time to perform this service will be less than three hours; 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 will begin the week of April 7, 2008.

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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