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Ms. Kathleen C. DeMeter
Director of Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
US Department of Transportation, Room 5326
400 Seventh Street, SW
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.

Buell Distribution Company, LLC has determined that a defect affecting motor vehicle safety exists on certain 2008 Buell 1125R model motorcycles.

IDENTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT POTENTIALLY CONTAINING THE DEFECT:

The recall population includes 1,579 2008 Buell 1125R model motorcycles built between June 19, 2007 through May 30, 2008.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:

Buell Distribution Company, LLC has determined that the above vehicles may experience 5th gear galling on the clutch shaft due to lack of lubrication. This condition can allow the gear to seize to the shaft, resulting in rear wheel lock-up. This could result in an accident, which could cause injury or death to the rider.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

The week of 5/12/08 we received word that a 2008 Buell 1125R motorcycle being raced experienced a rear wheel lock-up. Our subsequent investigation and analysis determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety existed and on June 9, 2008 the Company decided to declare a recall.

To our knowledge there have been 5 lock-ups and 2 accidents reported that were the results of this condition. Both accidents occurred under race conditions.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM TO REMEDY THE DEFECT:

The remedy of this defect is to add an oil jet to the clutch shaft to increase the lubrication to the 5th gear journal.

SUPPLIER INFORMATION:

BRP-Rotax GmbH & Co. KG
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A-4623 Gunskirchen, Austria
Mr. Gerd Ohrnberger, Gen. Mgr.
011-43-7246-601
Phone # +43 (7246) 601

BUELL PRE-NOTIFICATION REMEDY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM:

Buell Distribution Company, LLC. 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:

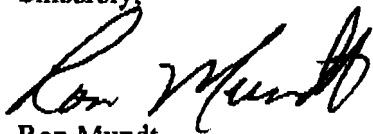
Buell Distribution Company, LLC. expects to notify its dealer network not later than the week of June 16, 2008 and the owner network on or about the week of June 23, 2008.

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
Buell Distribution Company, LLC.
0834

Dear Buell Motorcycle Owner:

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Buell Distribution Company, LLC, has decided that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists on 2008 Buell 1125R model motorcycles built June 19, 2007 through May 30, 2008.

These model motorcycles built between the dates above can experience 5th gear galling on the clutch shaft due to lack of lubrication. This condition can allow the gear to seize to the shaft, resulting in rear wheel lock-up. This could result in an accident, which could cause injury or death to the rider.

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. You should not engage in race track events or any race-type activity with your motorcycle until this recall has been performed.

Please contact your Buell motorcycle dealer immediately and arrange an appointment to have your motorcycle repaired. The 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. Recall kits will be available at your dealership beginning the week of June 23, 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 Buell Distribution Company, LLC at 1-414-343-8400.

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 Buell Distribution Company, LLC. for immediate assistance at the address or telephone number listed on this letterhead. If your dealer or Buell Distribution Company, LLC. 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, 400 Seventh Street, SW, 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,

Buell Distribution Company, LLC.
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