

October 10, 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

08V-554
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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.

Buell Distribution Company, LLC. has determined that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists on certain 2009 model year 1125CR model motorcycles.

IDENTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT POTENTIALLY CONTAINING THE DEFECT:

The recall population includes 140 model year 2009 Buell 1125CR model motorcycles built April 11, 2008 through September 11, 2008.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:

Buell Distribution Company, LLC has determined that these model motorcycles built during the above date range may experience a premature failure of the rear cylinder cam chain tension guide, part number F0020.1AM. This can cause plastic debris to block the oil pump screen, possibly leading to oil starvation and engine seizure. This condition may allow the engine to seize, resulting in rear wheel lock-up. This could result in a crash, which could cause injury or death to the rider.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

On 8/7/08 we received a report of a Company-Owned vehicle exhibiting this condition. An investigation was opened and led to the determination that a defect related to motor vehicle safety existed. On 10/7/08 the Company decided to declare a recall.

To our knowledge there have been no accidents/injuries reported that were the results of this condition.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM TO REMEDY THE DEFECT:

The remedy of this defect is to replace the rear cam chain tensioner, P/N F0021.1AMA with an updated tensioner, P/N F0022.2AM.

SUPPLIER INFORMATION:

BRP-Rotax Gmbh % Co. KG
Weiser Strasse 32
A-4623 Gunsirched, Austria
Gerd Ohmberger
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:

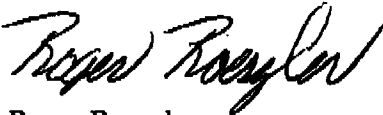
Buell Distribution Company, LLC. expects to notify its dealer network not later than the week of October 13, 2008 and the owner network on or about the week of October 20, 2008.

PART 577 NOTICE LETTER:

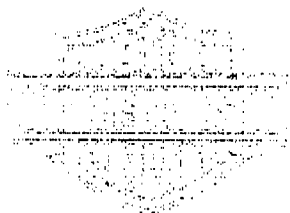
A draft of the owner notification letter is attached.

Please advise the undersigned of the campaign number assigned by ODI to this recall.

Sincerely,



Roger Roeszler
Buell Distribution Company, LLC.
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Harley-Davidson Motor Company, 3700 West Juneau Ave., PO Box 853, Milwaukee, WI 53201 414/342-4680

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 determined that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists on certain 2009 model year 1125CR model motorcycles built April 11, 2008 through September 11, 2008.

These model motorcycles built during the above date range may experience a premature failure of the rear cylinder cam chain tension guide, part number F0020.1AM. This can cause plastic debris to block the oil pump screen, possibly leading to oil starvation and engine seizure. This condition may allow the engine to seize, resulting in rear wheel lock-up. This could result in a crash, 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.

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 October 20, 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, 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,

Buell Distribution Company, LLC.
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