



Harley-Davidson Motor Company, 3700 West Juneau Ave., PO Box 653, Milwaukee, WI 53201 414/342-4680

November 25, 2008

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**(4 pages)**

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

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 2009 Dyna model motorcycles.

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

This recall includes 349 MY 2009 FXDB, FXDC, FXDF, FXDL model motorcycles, built July 22, 2008 through July 25, 2008, and covers the subject motorcycle population in its entirety.

**DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:**

The population of motorcycles described above have a fuel tank vent tube assembly, P/N 27389-04A, which may have been produced at the supplier with a questionable ultrasonic weld on the anti-slosh valve. If the valve separates and the bike is tipped over, it may leak fuel. This condition could lead to a fire, which could cause injury or death to the rider.

**CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:**

On 8/15/08 Harley-Davidson Motor Company was informed that a defective vent tube assembly had been discovered at one of our production facilities. An investigation was opened and led to the determination that a defect related to motor vehicle safety existed. On 11/21/08 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 remove the original vent tube assembly and replace with a new vent tube assembly provided in our recall kit part number 94719.

**SUPPLIER INFORMATION:**

Miniature Precision/APS  
100 Wisconsin Street  
PO Box 1901  
Walworth, WI 53184  
Barbara Dorsey, Marketing Administrator  
(262) 275-5791 x2281

**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:**

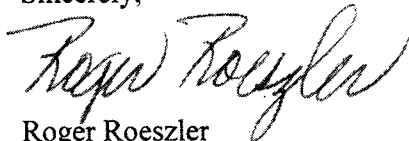
Harley-Davidson expects to notify its dealer network on or before the week of December 1, 2008 and motorcycle owners on or about the week of December 8, 2008.

**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  
Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc.  
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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 2009 model year FXDB, FXDC, FXDF, FXDL model motorcycles, built July 22, 2008 through July 25, 2008.

These 2009 model motorcycles have a fuel tank vent tube assembly, P/N 27389-04A, which may have been produced at the supplier with a questionable ultrasonic weld on the anti-slosh valve. If the valve separates and the bike is tipped over, it may leak fuel. This condition could lead to a fire, 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 Harley-Davidson motorcycle dealer immediately and arrange an appointment to have your vehicle inspected and repaired if necessary. 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. Shipping of recall kits to the dealerships will begin the week of December 8, 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 20590, 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,

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