



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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BUELL DISTRIBUTION COMPANY, LLC.
HARLEY DAVIDSON
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NVS-215dgl
09V-211

SUBJECT: ACORN STUD BRAKE REACTION LINK

DEAR MR. ROESZLER:

This letter serves to acknowledge Harley Davidson Company on behalf of Buell Distribution Company, LLC'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 Federal law.

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:

H-D/FLSTSB/2008-2009
H-D/FXSTSSE2/2008
H-D/FXSTSSE3/2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-211

Mfg's Report Date: May 27, 2009

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 11,005

Summary:

HARLEY DAVIDSON IS RECALLING 11,005 FLSTSB, FXSTSSE2, AND FXSTSSE3 MY 2008 AND 2009 MOTORCYCLES. THE ACORN STUD AT THE BRAKE REACTION LINK MAY FALL OUT DURING USE.

Consequence:

IF THIS OCCURS, THE FRONT BRAKE AND FENDER ASSEMBLY WOULD NO LONGER BE ADEQUATELY RETAINED. THIS CONDITION COULD LEAD TO A CRASH AND POTENTIAL INJURY TO OR DEATH OF THE RIDER.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING ACORN STUD WITH A NEW ACORN STUD AND RETAINING CLIP. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JUNE 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HARLEY DAVIDSON AT 1-414-343-4056.

Notes:

HARLEY DAVIDSON RECALL NO. 0139. 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR 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 no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

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 contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at 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', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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