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**National Highway
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Administration**

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09V-347

Subject: FRONT BRAKE LINE CONTACT WITH TIRE

Dear MR. GRIGORIAN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Arent Fox LLP Attorneys at Law on behalf of Buell Motorcycle Company'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:

BUELL/XB12S/2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-347

Mfg's Report Date: September 2, 2008

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 405

Summary:

BUELL IS RECALLING MODEL YEAR 2009 XB12S MOTORCYCLES. THE FRONT BRAKE LINE MAY CONTACT THE FRONT TIRE. THIS CONTACT COULD CAUSE A HOLE TO DEVELOP IN THE FRONT BRAKE LINE, ALLOWING BRAKE FLUID TO LEAK.

Consequence:

THIS CONDITION MIGHT CAUSE AN INEFFECTIVE FRONT BRAKE AND LEAD TO A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE FRONT BRAKE LINE AND IF UNDAMAGED, INSTALL A GUIDE ON THE LINE. IF THE LINE IS DAMAGED, IT WILL BE REPLACED AND RE-ROUTED. EITHER REPAIR WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 21, 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BUELL DISTRIBUTION COMPANY AT 1-414-343-8400.

Notes:

BUELL RECALL NO. 0839. 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 toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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