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**National Highway
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09V-379

DOMINICK LIVOTI
PRESIDENT
PANTHER MOTORS INC
10358 WEST MCNAB RD
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SUBJECT: PARKING BRAKE LEVER/FMVSS 122

DEAR MR. LIVOTI:

This letter serves to acknowledge Panther Motors Inc's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 122, "Motorcycle Brake Systems," 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:

PANTHER/P150/2008-2009

PANTHER/P50/2008-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-379 **Mfg's Report Date:** September 23, 2009

Components: PARKING BRAKE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 434

Summary:

PANTHER IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008-2009 MOTORCYCLES. THESE MOTORCYCLES FAIL TO CONFORM WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 122, "MOTORCYCLE BRAKE SYSTEMS." THE STANDARD REQUIRES A STRICTLY MECHANICAL FORM OF ENGAGEMENT OF A MOTORCYCLE PARKING BRAKE, WHEREAS THE PARKING BRAKE ON THESE MOTORCYCLES RELIES IN PART ON HYDRAULIC PRESSURE.

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF A LOSS OF HYDRAULIC PRESSURE THROUGH THE LOSS OF BRAKE FLUID, BRAKE PERFORMANCE WILL DEGRADE INCREASING THE RISK OF CRASH.

Remedy:

PANTHER WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE THE NECESSARY COMPONENTS FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT PANTHER AT 954-682-3693.

Notes:

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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

This recall was the subject of an investigation, OA-122-090915, conducted by the Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance.

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

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

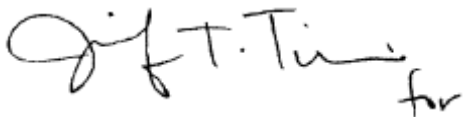
Panther must file a sample of the envelope which you intend to use to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY", "RECALL", "NOTICE" in any order must be printed on the envelope in larger font than the customers name and address.

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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 that reads "G. H. Person" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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