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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
09V-457

SUBJECT: FRONT FUEL TANK MOUNTS/FUEL LEAK

DEAR MR. ROESZLER:

This letter serves to acknowledge Harley-Davidson Motor Company's (Harley-Davidson) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the motorcycles listed below.

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:

Mfg's Report Date: November 25, 2009

H-D/FLHP/2009-2010
H-D/FLHPE/2009-2010
H-D/FLHR/2009-2010
H-D/FLHR SHRINE/2009-2010
H-D/FLHRC/2009-2010
H-D/FLHT/2009-2010
H-D/FLHTC/2009-2010
H-D/FLHTCU/2009-2010
H-D/FLHTCU SHRINE/2009-2010
H-D/FLHTCU W/SC/2009-2010
H-D/FLHTCU4-CVO/2009
H-D/FLHTCUSE4/2009
H-D/FLHTCUSE5/2010
H-D/FLHTCUTG/2009-2010
H-D/FLHTK/2010
H-D/FLHTP/2009-2010

H-D/FLHX/2009-2010
H-D/FLHXXX/2010
H-D/FLTR/2009
H-D/FLTR3-CVO/2009
H-D/FLTRSE3/2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-457

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:STORAGE:TANK
ASSEMBLY:MOUNTING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 111,569

Summary:

HARLEY-DAVIDSON IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009 AND 2010 TOURING FAMILY MOTORCYCLES, INCLUDING CVO TOURING AND TRIKE PRODUCTS, MANUFACTURED FROM JUNE 6, 2008 THROUGH NOVEMBER 19, 2009. THE FRONT FUEL TANK MOUNTS MAY DISTORT IN REACTION TO SEVERE FRAME DAMAGE FROM A FRONTAL COLLISION. THIS CONDITION MAY CAUSE A FUEL LEAK AT THE WELD OF THE FRONT BRACKET TO THE TUNNEL.

Consequence:

A FUEL LEAK IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE MAY RESULT IN A FIRE, WHICH COULD LEAD TO INJURY OR DEATH TO THE RIDER.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL A LEFT AND RIGHT BRACE, WHICH ARE INTENDED TO REDUCE FRONT MOUNT DISTORTION DURING CERTAIN CRASH CONDITIONS. THIS REPAIR WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT DECEMBER 14, 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HARLEY-DAVIDSON AT 1-414-343-4056.

Notes:

OWNERS 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 received Harley-Davidson's proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577. 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 close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@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 blue ink, appearing to read "G. Person".

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

cc: Christopher H. Grigorian