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Ms. Kathleen C. DeMeter
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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INVESTIGATION

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

The following information is submitted in accordance with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's defect reporting regulations, 49CFR Part 573.6.

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. has decided that a defect related to motor vehicle safety exists in a mounting bracket contained in certain LED Turn Signal Mounting Kits that Harley-Davidson has sold as aftermarket equipment.

IDENTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT POTENTIALLY CONTAINING THE DEFECT:

This recall relates to a mounting bracket, Part Number 70497-08, which secures an LED turn signal controller to the motorcycle frame. This bracket is included with LED Turn Signal Mounting Kit Part No. 69951-08 (black) and 69593-08 (chrome), for installation on 2002-2009 VRSC model motorcycles (excluding VRSCF model). Approximately 97 of the subject mounting brackets have been sold with these kits. Kits containing these brackets were shipped July 10, 2007 through June 13, 2008. Harley-Davidson is recalling the subject population in its entirety.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:

The subject mounting brackets secure the LED controller to the motorcycle frame. Due to the design of the bracket, the controller may come in contact with the oil filter. Over time, this contact can lead to a hole in the oil filter and a possible oil leak. This condition might cause excessive oil to get on the rear tire, causing a loss of traction, possibly leading to a crash and potential injury or death.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

In June, 2008, Harley-Davidson Motor Company received a field report of a vehicle exhibiting this condition. Thereafter, Harley-Davidson commenced an internal investigation to evaluate the issue. Based upon this investigation, Harley-Davidson determined that a defect related to motor vehicle safety existed. On February 10, 2009 the Company decided to conduct this recall.

To our knowledge there have been no accidents or injuries in the U.S. related to this condition. (We are aware of one crash occurring outside the U.S., but no injury or death.)

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM TO REMEDY THE DEFECT:

The remedy for this defect is to remove and replace the existing bracket (P/N 70497-08) with a new bracket (P/N 70497-08A), which will eliminate the potential interference between the controller and the oil filter.

SUPPLIER INFORMATION:

Innovative Lighting, Inc.
109 Progressive Ave.
Roland, IA 50236
515-388-1011
Contact is Donna Stone.

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:

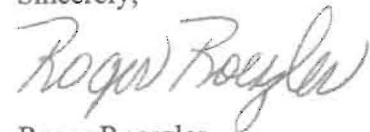
Harley-Davidson expects to notify its dealer network on or before the week of February 23, 2009 and motorcycle owners on or about the week of March 2, 2009.

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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