

BMW Group

July 8, 2009

Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Recall Campaign
Front brake system
2009 BMW K1300 S and K1300GT Motorcycles
Supplemental Report**

Dear Mr. Smith:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 and 49 CFR Part 573.

Please note that this is to supplement our June 5, 2009 report which, in accordance with Section 573.6(b), contained information pertaining to Section 573.6(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(5).

Pursuant to Section 573.6(c) of the above, we submit the following information.

- Manufacturer: Bayerische Motoren Werke AG (BMW AG)

Designated Agent: Jan Urbahn
BMW of North America, LLC
Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07677
- Make: BMW

Model Year / Model: 2009 / K1300S
2009 / K1300GT

Inclusive Dates of Manufacture: K1300S (Oct. 1, 2008 – May 19, 2009)
K1300GT (Nov. 21, 2008 – May 20, 2009)
- The number of motorcycles potentially affected is approximately 625 K1300GT and 672 K1300S models.
- The percentage of motorcycles estimated to actually contain the problem is unknown.
- The problem involves the front brake system. In certain riding conditions involving increased vibration, such as on long rides at constant high engine rpm, it is possible for the brake fluid in the front reservoir to foam. As a result, air could enter the front brake system. If this occurred, then front brake performance would be reduced dependent upon the volume of air that entered the system. It is very unlikely that the front brakes would lose their full power. However, if such a case were to occur, the rear brakes would be fully capable of slowing and stopping the motorcycle.

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6. BMW became aware of this matter as a result of our normal quality control monitoring processes. Specifically, BMW received nine non-US field reports during April 2009. These reports indicated that, under certain conditions, front brake performance could be significantly reduced. In late April / early May, BMW performed testing in which the problem was able to be reproduced. Also during May, discussions occurred regarding possible technical solutions for motorcycles in production, as well as, in the field. In the latter-half of May, BMW decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall. Note, BMW submitted its initial defect report to NHTSA on June 5th, 2009.
7. Not applicable.
8. BMW will conduct a recall campaign to remedy the affected motorcycles. The front brake fluid reservoir will be retrofitted with a screen insert.

BMW expects to begin and complete dealer and owner notification in July 2009.
9. Not applicable.
10. A copy of the Service Bulletin will be submitted when available.
11. A draft copy of the owner notification letter is attached.
12. Not applicable.

Sincerely,



Jan Urbahn
General Manager
Safety Engineering and Intelligent Transportation Systems

Attachment

**TREAD ACT CUSTOMER REIMBURSEMENT PLAN
(BMW of North America, LLC)**

Customer Reimbursement for Safety Related Recall Repairs
Effective with Safety related recalls initiated January 15, 2003

The customer is encouraged to request reimbursement from their authorized BMW motorcycle dealer. Alternatively, the customer may submit the request for reimbursement to the following address:

Customer Relations and Services Department
BMW of North America, LLC
P.O. Box 1227
Westwood, NJ 07675-1227

In all cases:

- Repair expenses pertaining to the subject of the safety recall are reimbursable, not consequential expenses such as towing, rental, accommodations, damage repairs, etc.
- Expenses from repair facilities outside of the BMW motorcycle dealer network will be considered; however, the procedure must meet BMW standards and use BMW Genuine Parts.
- When BMW Genuine Parts are used, the Manufacturers Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) will be considered as the guideline for reasonable charges.
- Expenses for repairs performed more than 10 days after the date of the last owner notification letter sent by BMW are not eligible for reimbursement.
- Taxes and hazardous waste disposal, where previously paid, are eligible for reimbursement.
- BMW will not reimburse for prior repairs that did not utilize BMW Genuine Parts.

The authorized BMW motorcycle dealer will request a copy of the owner notification letter, as well as, a copy of the owner's previously paid invoice, and then inspect the vehicle (if still in the possession of the invoice holder) to determine the scope and quality of the previous repair. Claims shall be processed within 60 days of receipt.