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

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

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

Buell Distribution Company, LLC has decided that a defect affecting motor vehicle safety exists on the right hand side footpeg mount of certain 2010 M.Y. Buell XB12X and XB12XT motorcycles.

IDENTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT POTENTIALLY CONTAINING THE DEFECT:

This recall involves 23 model year 2010 Buell XB12X and XB12XT motorcycles manufactured August 20, 2009 through September 30, 2009. This recall covers the subject motorcycle population in its entirety.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:

The population of motorcycles described above was equipped with a right hand side footpeg mount (P/N N0527.1AKZT) which may have incorrect material properties. This condition could allow the footpeg to move significantly out of position, which could lead to loss of control of the vehicle resulting in injury or death of the rider.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

On 10/7/09 a deformed foot rest support was discovered on the final assembly line. On 10/8/09 a "stop ship" order was placed on both motorcycles and service parts distribution potentially involving the suspect part pending completion of an investigation and analysis of the issue. Buell immediately commenced an investigation into the scope and safety consequences of this issue. As a result of this investigation, Buell determined that the material properties of this component were below specification. Buell's supplier had used a non-approved high-temperature paint stripping process to reprocess and repaint a batch of 600 parts that included the 23 parts installed on the subject motorcycles. Buell's analysis indicated that this process negatively impacted the material properties of the aluminum forged footrest.

Buell determined that, although the subject part number is used on three Buell models, only two of those models were in production and exposed to usage of the suspect parts during the pertinent time. As a result, Buell determined that only 23 total motorcycles that had been shipped prior to

the stop ship order (13 model XB12X and 10 model XB12XT) could possibly contain the suspect parts. None of the suspect parts were distributed as service parts.

Buell is not aware of any accidents or injuries involving this defect. Furthermore, reviews of Buell's warranty and customer contact data in late October confirmed that there were no warranty or customer complaint reports from the field related to this defect.

On November 19, 2009, based on the information and analysis developed and provided by the Recall Investigation Committee, Buell's executive management determined that a safety related defect possibly existed on the subject motorcycles and declared a recall to remedy the issue.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM TO REMEDY THE DEFECT:

Buell dealers will remove the right hand side footpeg mount and replace it with a new footpeg mount, provided in the recall kit, manufactured to the proper specifications.

SUPPLIER INFORMATION:

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The final place of manufacture of the component that is the subject of this recall is Taiwan.

BUELL DISTRIBUTION COMPANY, LLC PRE-NOTIFICATION REMEDY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM:

Buell Distribution Company, LLC 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:

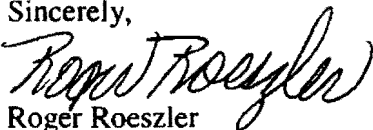
Buell Distribution Company, LLC expects to notify its dealer network on or before the week of November 30, 2009 and the motorcycle owners on or before the week of December 14, 2009.

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
Buell Distribution Company, LLC
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