

December 17, 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
Engine
2008 - 2010 BMW F650 GS / F800 GS Motorcycles**

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.

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

1. **Manufacturer:** Bayerische Motoren Werke AG (BMW AG)
Designated Agent: Jan Urbahn
BMW of North America, LLC
Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey 07677
2. **Make:** BMW
Model Year / Model: 2008 – 2010 / F650 GS / F800 GS
Inclusive Dates of Manufacture: F650 GS (Jan. 2008 – Dec. 10, 2009)
F800 GS (Jan. 2008 – Dec. 10, 2009)
3. The number of motorcycles potentially affected is approximately 1,831 F650 GS and 2,667 F800 GS models.
4. The percentage of motorcycles estimated to actually contain the problem is 100%.
5. The problem involves charcoal canister ventilation hose within the evaporative emission control system. Specifically, during engine operation, a vacuum is created in order to draw fresh air into the canister. This air then mixes with the fuel vapors captured by the canister, and is subsequently combusted. Due to the routing of the ventilation hose, water near the end of the hose could be drawn into the charcoal canister. If this occurred, the water could then flow into the airbox causing a stalling condition.
6. BMW became aware of this matter as a result of our normal quality control monitoring processes. Specifically, BMW began to receive information from the field indicating that, under certain conditions, the functionality of the engine could be compromised. This information was monitored and, analyses were conducted in order to understand the cause of the problem. This issue was also the subject of

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NHTSA PE09-051. On December 14, 2009, BMW decided to conduct a voluntary safety recall.

7. Not applicable.
8. BMW will conduct a recall campaign to remedy the affected motorcycles. An additional hose will be added, routed upward along the charcoal canister, and then toward the rear of the motorcycle in a slightly upward direction, along the chassis frame. This hose will serve the function of drawing in air during the vacuum created by the engine, which will allow it to mix with the fuel vapors in the charcoal canister, and then be combusted.

BMW expects to begin and complete dealer and owner notification in January 2010.

9. Not applicable.
10. A copy of the Service Bulletin will be submitted when available.
11. A draft copy of the owner notification letter will be submitted when available.
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.