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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE.
Washington, DC 20590

Via Certified Mail

Mr. Roger Roeszler
Buell Distribution Company, LLC c/o
Harley Davidson Motor Company
3700 West Juneau Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53201

NVS215/jtt
09V-109

Re: Additional Information Required on Safety Recall 09V-109

Dear Mr. Roeszler:

This serves as a request for further information concerning safety recall 09V-109. The recall concerns certain model year 2008 and 2009 Buell 1125R, XB12R, and XB12Scg motorcycles.

In its defect information report, Buell Distribution Company, LLC (Buell) explained that these motorcycles may have a front brake line which may come in contact with the front tire, thereby causing that line to puncture and lose brake fluid. In this condition, the front brake may become ineffective, thereby leading to a possible crash and potential injury or death to riders.

Buell reported that on September 25, 2008, it received a report of a motorcycle exhibiting the defect, that an investigation was opened, and that this investigation led to the company's defect determination. The company then said it decided to declare a recall on March 24, 2009.

No descriptive information was provided, however, as to what that investigation entailed, what information was collected and analyzed, or when it started and concluded. Also, it is unclear from the submission on what date the company made its defect determination and/or whether that date is the same as when the company, in its words, declared a recall. Therefore, and pursuant to, 49 CFR 573.6(d)(6), please provide a chronology of all principle events that were the basis for Buell's defect determination. Please include in your chronology a summary and provide dates of receipt, of all warranty claims, field or service reports, complaints, testing, and any other information, that Buell reviewed or considered in coming to its determination.



Please also provide any further information you may have gathered, but not yet reported, pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6(c).

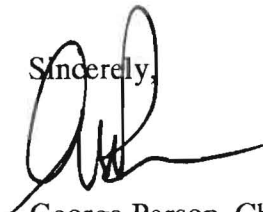
Please provide the requested information **within 2 weeks** of your receipt of this letter. Please also update and amend the company's defect information report such that it reflects the chronology of events leading up to the defect determination, and includes any information required to be provided under 49 CFR 573.6, that was not reported in the original defect report.

This letter is issued pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30166 which authorizes the NHTSA to request any information that it deems necessary in administering and enforcing the Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1969, as amended, 49 U.S.C. 30101, et seq. Failure to respond promptly, truthfully, and completely to this letter and the inquiries made herein could subject Buell to significant civil penalties and/or a claim for injunctive relief.

If Buell claims that any of the information or documents provided in response to this information request constitute confidential commercial material within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), or are protected from disclosure pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1905, the company must submit supporting information together with the materials that are the subject of the confidentiality request, to the Office of Chief Counsel, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, D.C. 20590. Please see 49 CFR Part 512 for further instructions as to what is required to properly file a request for confidential treatment.

Please direct your response to Jennifer Timian of my staff, and note conspicuously on your response the safety recall number assigned to this matter (e.g., 09V-109). Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Timian on (202) 366-0209 or by email at jennifer.timian@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'George Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George Person, Chief
Recall Management Division