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YAMAHA MOTOR CORPORATION, U.S.A.
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July 16, 2010

Via Federal Express and Facsimile (202 366 7882)
Chief Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W46-421
Washington, DC 20590

**Regarding: 2009 Model Year Yamaha VMX17
Accelerator and Throttle Position Sensor Wiring, Factory Modification
Campaign**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide preliminary information required by 49 CFR 573 and the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act regarding a defect notification campaign we are initiating. Attached are draft copies of the Owner's notification letter, for Agency review and approval, and the dealer technical bulletin. The envelope format has previously been approved by the Agency for prior campaigns.

1. Manufacturers Name: Yamaha Motor Company, Ltd.
2500 Shingai
Iwata, Japan

Imported Vehicle Distributor: Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.
6555 Katella Avenue
Cypress, California 90630
2. Vehicles Affected: Make: Yamaha
Model: 2009 Model Year VMX17 Motorcycles

Nominal Engine Displacement: VMX17 is 1,700cc

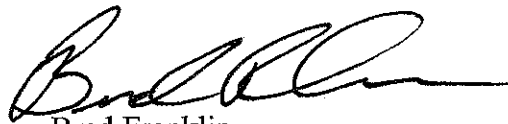
Production Period: 06/2008 – 03/2009

3. The campaign relates to the motorcycle's wiring to the Throttle Position and the Accelerator Position Sensors.
4. Total number of subject vehicles: Current estimate: 700 units. This will be updated in a supplemental report as we finalize the affected VIN range.
5. VIN Range: See tentative range in draft Technical Bulletin attached. Likewise this will be updated in a subsequent report as data is confirmed.
6. The campaign involves the replacement of the sub wiring harness for the Throttle Position sensor (TPS) and Accelerator Position sensor (APS). In affected motorcycles, there could be excessive electrical resistance in the ground wire for the APS and the TPS due to an insufficiently crimped connection. Excessive resistance can cause incorrect signals to be sent to the Engine Control Unit. Please refer to the draft Technical Bulletin which will be furnished to the Agency and Yamaha dealers upon completion describing the situation which is the subject of the campaign.
7. On July 09, 2010, Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. was informed by the manufacturer, Yamaha Motor Company, Ltd., that such a situation exists. This was determined pursuant to a quality control review, testing and a review of foreign models that use a substantially similar part design.

We anticipate commencing dealer/owner notification shortly after the owner's notification letter is approved by NHTSA, the affected VIN range is ascertained and the Technical Bulletin service procedure is confirmed by Yamaha service staff. Assuming the Agency can approve the letter within 5 days of receipt (perhaps July 22) we will have the letter and Technical Bulletin printed. Normal turn-around time is 3 working days for such printing. Hence the materials will be ready for mailing approximately July 28th. Final copies of these notification documents will be forwarded to the Agency as soon as possible.

In the event we can answer any questions or provide supplemental information, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct telephone number is 714-761-7842. The fax number is 714-229-7944. My email is brad_franklin@yamaha-motor.com.

Sincerely,



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