

October 8, 2010

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

10V-488
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**Re: Recall Campaign
Rear Wheel Linkage
2004-10 BMW K 1200 and K 1300 Motorcycles
Initial 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.

Pursuant to Section 573.6(b) of the above, we are submitting the following information pertaining to Section 573.6(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(5), and in addition c(3).

- 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: 2004-10 / K 1200 S, K 1200 R, K 1200 GT
2004-10 / K 1300 S, K1300 R, K 1300 GT

Inclusive Dates of Manufacture: Oct. 2003 – Sep. 2010

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3. The number of motorcycles affected is unknown at this time.

5. The issue involves the rear wheel linkage, specifically the bearings of the link lever attached to the rear strut. Due to environmental conditions, the bearings could be subject to corrosion. This could lead to reduced movement of the link lever. Over time, if the corrosion became significant, restriction of movement of the link lever could occur. This could affect handling of the motorcycle. In an extreme case, this could result in the connecting rod breaking by a bending force, causing the rear wheel to decelerate by contact with the wheelhouse.

In accordance with 49 CFR 573.6(b), further information will be provided to NHTSA as it becomes available.

Sincerely,



Jan Urbahn
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