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**National Highway
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Administration**

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MR. ROGER ROESZLER
HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTOR COMPANY, INC.
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NVS-215dgl
11V-506

SUBJECT: REAR BRAKE LAMP SWITCH

DEAR MR. ROESZLER:

This letter serves to acknowledge Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc.'s (Harley-Davidson) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

H-D/FLHP/2009-2012
H-D/FLHPE/2009-2011
H-D/FLHR/2009-2012
H-D/FLHRC/2009-2012
H-D/FLHT/2009-2010
H-D/FLHTC/2009-2012
H-D/FLHTCU/2009-2012
H-D/FLHTCUSE4/2009
H-D/FLHTCUSE5/2010
H-D/FLHTCUSE6/2011
H-D/FLHTCUSE7/2012
H-D/FLHTCUTG/2009-2012
H-D/FLHTK/2010-2012
H-D/FLHTP/2009-2012
H-D/FLHX/2009-2012
H-D/FLHXSE/2010
H-D/FLHXSE2/2011
H-D/FLHXSE3/2012
H-D/FLHXXX/2011

H-D/FLTR/2009
H-D/FLTRSE3/2009
H-D/FLTRU/2010-2012
H-D/FLTRUSE/2011
H-D/FLTRX/2010-2012
H-D/FLTRXSE/2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-506

Mfg's Report Date: October 19, 2011

Components: EXTERIOR LIGHTING: BRAKE LIGHTS: SWITCH

Potential Number of Units Affected: 250,757

Summary:

HARLEY-DAVIDSON IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009-2012 TOURING, CVO TOURING AND TRIKE VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM JUNE 6, 2008, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 16, 2011. SEE THE ABOVE LIST FOR THE MODELS INCLUDED IN THE RECALL. THE REAR BRAKE LIGHT SWITCH MAY BE EXPOSED TO EXCESSIVE HEAT FROM THE EXHAUST SYSTEM.

Consequence:

THE EXCESSIVE HEAT MAY CAUSE THE SWITCH TO NOT ACTIVATE THE BRAKE LAMP OR ACTIVATE THE BRAKE LAMP WHEN NO BRAKE IS APPLIED AND/OR CAUSE A BRAKE FLUID LEAK AT THE BRAKE LIGHT SWITCH, AFFECTING REAR BRAKE PERFORMANCE. EITHER CONDITION MAY INCREASE THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

HARLEY-DAVIDSON WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL A INSTALL A REAR BRAKE LIGHT SWITCH KIT, FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 31, 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HARLEY-DAVIDSON AT 1-414-343-4056.

Notes:

HARLEY-DAVIDSON'S SAFETY RECALL NUMBER IS 0145. CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV).

We have received your proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Willard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Ric Willard
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement