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of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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STEUBENVILLE, OHIO 43952

NVS-215et
12V-031

SUBJECT: SPLIT SERVICE BRAKE SYSTEM/FMVSS 122

DEAR MR. TIPTON:

This letter serves to acknowledge Wildfire Motors Inc's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 122, "Motorcycle Brake System," in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

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:

WILDFIRE/WF650-C/2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-031

Mfg's Report Date: February 3, 2012

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 202

Summary:

WILDFIRE IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009 WF650-C MOTORCYCLES, MANUFACTURED FROM APRIL 2008 THROUGH JANUARY 2009 FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 122, "MOTORCYCLE BRAKE SYSTEM." AS BUILT, THESE MOTORCYCLES HAVE A SINGLE BRAKE FLUID RESERVOIR WITH A SINGLE FILLER OPENING AND LACK THE REQUIRED RESERVOIR LABELING. WARNING LAMPS INDICATING BRAKE FAILURE ARE ALSO ABSENT.

Consequence:

WITHOUT THE REQUIRED BRAKE RESERVOIR LABEL, OPERATORS MAY IMPROPERLY MAINTAIN THE BRAKE SYSTEM. WITH ONLY A SINGLE BRAKE FLUID RESERVOIR FOR THE ENTIRE BRAKE SYSTEM AND NO BRAKE FAILURE INDICATOR LAMP, IN THE EVENT OF ANY BRAKE FLUID LEAK, THE ENTIRE BRAKE SYSTEM COULD FAIL WITHOUT WARNING, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

WILDFIRE WILL CONTACT OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL CORRECT THE MOTORCYCLES, FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT WILDFIRE AT 740-283-6540.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO 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).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles, irrespective of parts availability. Letters must be sent to all registered owners. This information can be obtained from state registration data by contacting each state's Department of Motor Vehicles or through a third-party service such as Polk. You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers.

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).

Please contact us if you have any questions about the requirements listed above.

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 Edison Thompson who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Edison.Thompson@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 "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement