



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. David Cordero
Safety Integrity and Recall Management
BMW of North America, LLC
200 Chestnut Ridge Road
Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677

NVS-215JN
12V-487

Subject: Reduction of Front Brake System Performance

Dear Mr. Cordero:

This letter serves to acknowledge BMW of North America, LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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:

BMW/K1200 R/2007-2008
BMW/K1200 R SPORT/2007-2008
BMW/K1200 S/2007-2008

Mfr's Report Date: October 4, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-487

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,062

Problem Description:

BMW is recalling certain model year 2007-2008 K1200 S, K1200 R, and K1200 R Sport motorcycles. In certain riding conditions, the brake fluid in the front brake fluid reservoir can foam.

Consequence:

Brake fluid that foams could lead to a reduced braking capability of the front brake system, possibly resulting in a crash.

Remedy:

The front brake fluid reservoir will be retrofitted with a screen insert, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during November 2012. Owners may contact BMW at 1-800-525-7417 or email BMW at CustomerRelations@bmwusa.com.

Notes:

This recall is an expansion of safety recall 09V-202. Owners 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 www.safercar.gov.

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

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 one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Joshua Neff who may be reached by phone at 202-366-0698, or by email at joshua.neff@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

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 Investigations
Enforcement