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SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

November 6, 2012
Harley-Davidson Recall No. 0148
NHTSA Recall No. 12V-503

Dear Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on all model year 2012 and certain model year 2013 V-Rod VRSCDX vehicles, built 6/14/11 through 8/1/2012 for the U.S. and world markets. We are notifying you because our records indicate that you own one of the affected motorcycles.

What is the Issue?

The License Plate Bracket Assembly installed on these vehicles may lose retention to the rear fender. This condition may lead to contact with the rear tire which could cause the License Plate Bracket to rotate, possibly damaging the rear brake line. If this condition remains undetected, it may affect rear brake performance, increasing the risk of a crash, which could lead to injury or death of the rider. Harley-Davidson has initiated this recall to correct this condition.

What Should You Do?

Please contact your authorized Harley-Davidson motorcycle dealer immediately and arrange an appointment to have your motorcycle repaired. Your dealer will confirm that your motorcycle is affected by this recall. If it is affected, the dealer will first remove the two rear License Plate Bracket Assembly mounting screws, apply medium strength thread-locking agent and reinstall to the proper torque; and then remove the two front mounting screws, replace with the parts provided in the recall repair kit, apply medium strength thread-locking agent and install to the proper torque. Actual dealer labor time to perform this service will be less than one hour; however, due to scheduling, the dealer may require your motorcycle for a longer period of time.

The parts and labor will be free of charge to you. To verify that the service has been completed, your dealer will ask you to sign a recall claim. Should you choose to ride your motorcycle prior to this service, we urge you to be aware of this condition.

If you have sold your motorcycle and have an address for the current owner, it is important that you forward this notice to the new owner. Alternatively, you may contact us at the Harley-Davidson phone numbers listed below and provide us the contact information for your purchaser so that we may notify the new owner of this recall. Also, Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If you have previously paid for a repair that addresses the issue described in this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for certain costs. To determine your eligibility, contact Harley-Davidson at the phone numbers listed below.

What If You Have Additional Questions or Concerns?

If you take your motorcycle to your dealer on a mutually agreed upon date and they are unable to perform the required service to your satisfaction, please contact Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. for immediate assistance at 1-800-258-2464 in the U.S. or 1-414-343-4056 world-wide.

If you are still having difficulty getting your vehicle repaired in a reasonable time, you may write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause you, but we are initiating this action in the interest of your personal safety and satisfaction with our products. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc.
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