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June 11, 2014

Ms. Nancy L. Lewis
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
US Department of Transportation
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Dear Ms. Lewis:

The following information is submitted in accordance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's defect and noncompliance reporting regulations, 49 CFR Part 573.6.

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. has decided that a defect related to motor vehicle safety may exist with certain ABS equipped model year 2014 Touring and CVO Touring motorcycles.

IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES POTENTIALLY CONTAINING THE DEFECT:

This recall involves 66,421 motorcycles shipped in the U.S, which represents certain model year 2014 FLHTK, FLHTKSE, FLHTKSHRINE, FLHTCU, FLHTCUTC, FLHTP, FLHX, FLHXS, FLHXSHRINE, FLHR, FLHRC, FLHP, FLHRSE models equipped with ABS built 7/1/2013 through 5/7/2014. This recall covers the subject motorcycle population in its entirety, although not all of these motorcycles may contain the defect.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:

Some of these motorcycles may have been assembled with a front brake line in a position where it could become pinched between the fuel tank and the frame, either at original assembly or during subsequent service activity. If this condition remains undetected, it could cause front brake fluid pressure to increase while riding, possibly resulting in a front wheel lock-up. Harley-Davidson has initiated this recall to correct this condition in the affected motorcycles.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

On 9/11/13, the Harley-Davidson Recall Investigation Committee (RIC) was advised of a pinched brake line under the rear fuel tank mounting bracket of a police motorcycle that was being set up for service. The RIC initiated an investigation and analysis of this issue.

As of 10/8/13, Harley-Davidson records indicated a total of six warranty claims/consumer contacts potentially related to this issue, including one crash with no injuries.

On 10/14/13, a cable strap was added at H-D York final vehicle assembly in order to better retain the brake lines so that they could not be pinched under the fuel tank mounting bracket. On 11/21/13, based upon a further review of the data available at that time, the RIC closed its investigation.

On 5/7/14, York Final Vehicle Audit reported to the RIC that it identified a Touring bike with a brake line pinched in a different location, between the fuel tank and the frame several inches forward of the rear fuel tank mounting bracket. This prompted the RIC to reopen its investigation into the issue. To address this issue in production, Harley-Davidson added another cable strap to further restrain the brake lines in this newly-discovered area.

On 5/12/14, warranty data was reviewed again. This search revealed a cumulative total of 39 warranty claims potentially related to this issue, four of which reported crashes (with one reported minor injury).

On 5/20/14, Harley-Davidson received an additional customer complaint involving a reported crash with minor injuries.

On 6/6/14, upon review of the results of the RIC's investigation and analysis, Harley-Davidson's executive management made its determination that a safety related defect exists in the subject population and declared a recall to remedy the issue.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM TO REMEDY THE DEFECT:

Authorized Harley-Davidson dealers will inspect the affected motorcycles for brake line damage and replace damaged lines as necessary. Dealers will also install one or two cable straps as required, depending on when the motorcycles were built, for brake line retention.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTOR COMPANY PRE-NOTIFICATION REMEDY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 577.11(e), Harley-Davidson requests that it be exempt from providing notification of a reimbursement plan. All of the affected products are covered by the manufacturer's limited warranty. Accordingly, no person would be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to § 573.13.

DEALER AND OWNER NOTIFICATION:

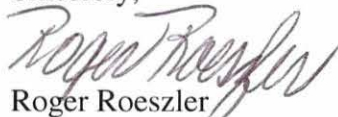
Harley-Davidson expects to notify its dealer network during the week of 6/16/2014 and owners the week of 6/23/2014.

PART 577 NOTICE LETTER:

A draft of the owner notification letter is attached.

Please advise the undersigned of the campaign number assigned by ODI to this recall.

Sincerely,



Roger Roeszler
Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc.

Recall 0157
Enclosure (Draft Part 577 Owner Letter)