OMB Control No.: 2127-0004

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 16V-471

**Manufacturer Name:** Harley-Davidson Motor Company

Submission Date: JUL 03, 2017 NHTSA Recall No.: 16V-471 Manufacturer Recall No.: 0169



#### **Manufacturer Information:**

Manufacturer Name: Harley-Davidson Motor Company

Address: 3700 W. Juneau Avenue

Milwaukee WI 53201-0653

Company phone: (414) 343-4056

Number of potentially involved: 78,011 Estimated percentage with defect: 1 %

**Population:** 

# **Vehicle Information:**

Vehicle 1: 2016-2016 Harley-Davidson Electra Glide Ultra Classic (FLHTCU)

Vehicle Type: MOTORCYCLES

Body Style : OTHER Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information: Harley-Davidson Touring Motorcycles - Electra Glide Ultra Classic (FLHTCU)

Production Dates: JUL 23, 2015 - JUN 22, 2016

VIN Range 1: Begin: NR End: NR  $\square$  Not sequential

Vehicle 2: 2016-2016 Harley-Davidson Electra Glide Ultra Classic Low (FLHTCUL)

Vehicle Type: MOTORCYCLES

Body Style : OTHER Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information: Harley-Davidson Touring Motorcycles - Electra Glide Ultra Classic Low (FLHTCUL)

Production Dates: JUL 27, 2015 - JUN 13, 2016

Vehicle 3: 2016-2016 Harley-Davidson Ultra Limited Low (FLHTKL)

Vehicle Type: MOTORCYCLES

Body Style : OTHER Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information: Harley-Davidson Touring Motorcycles - Ultra Limited Low (FLHTKL)

Production Dates: JUL 22, 2015 - JUN 20, 2016

Vehicle 4: 2016-2016 Harley-Davidson Ultra Limited (FLHTK)

Vehicle Type: MOTORCYCLES

Body Style : OTHER Power Train : GAS

Descriptive Information: Harley-Davidson Touring Motorcycles - Ultra Limited (FLHTK)  Production Dates: JUL 16, 2015 - JUN 22, 2016								
VIN Range 1:		NR	End:	NR	☐ Not sequential			
Vehicle 5:	2016-2016 Harle	ey-Davidson CV	O Stree	et Glide (FLHXSE)				
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Body Style :								
Power Train :								
Descriptive Information :	: Harley-Davidson CVO Softail Motorcycles - CVO Softail Pro Street Breakout (FXSE)							
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Power Train :								
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Vehicle 10: 2016-2016 Harley-Davidson Police Electra Glide (FLHTP)  Vehicle Type: MOTORCYCLES Body Style: OTHER Power Train: GAS  Descriptive Information: Harley-Davidson Touring Motorcycles - Police Electra Glide (FLHTP)  Production Dates: JUL 27, 2015 - JUN 02, 2016 VIN Range 1: Begin: NR End: NR   Not sequential  Vehicle 11: 2016-2016 Harley-Davidson Road Glide Ultra (FLTRU)  Vehicle Type: MOTORCYCLES Body Style: OTHER Power Train: GAS  Descriptive Information: Harley-Davidson Touring Motorcycles - Road Glide Ultra (FLTRU)  Production Dates: JUL 17, 2015 - JUN 22, 2016 VIN Range 1: Begin: NR End: NR   Not sequential  Vehicle 12: 2016-2016 Harley-Davidson Fat Boy S (FLSTFBS)  Vehicle Type: Body Style: Power Train: NR  Descriptive Information: Harley-Davidson Softail Motorcycles - Fat Boy S (FLSTFBS)  Production Dates: JUN 25, 2015 - JUN 20, 2016 VIN Range 1: Begin: NR End: NR   Not sequential  Vehicle 13: 2016-2016 Harley-Davidson Softail Slim S (FLSS)  Vehicle Type: MOTORCYCLES Body Style: OTHER Power Train: GAS  Descriptive Information: Harley-Davidson Softail Motorcycles - Softail Slim S (FLSS)  Production Dates: JUL 27, 2015 - JUN 22, 2016 VIN Range 1: Begin: NR End: NR   Not sequential  Vehicle 14: 2016-2016 Harley-Davidson Softail Motorcycles - Softail Slim S (FLSS)  Vehicle Type: MOTORCYCLES Body Style: NR End: NR   Not sequential  Vehicle 14: 2016-2016 Harley-Davidson Street Glide Special (FLHXS)  Vehicle Type: MOTORCYCLES Body Style: OTHER Power Train: GAS  Descriptive Information: Harley-Davidson Touring Motorcycles - Street Glide Special (FLHXS)									
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## **Description of Defect:**

Description of the Defect: Harley-Davidson has learned that the hydraulic clutch system with black

master cylinder part numbers 36700049B, 36700056B, 36700146 and 36700186 on certain model year 2016 Touring and Softail model motorcycles may exhibit a condition in which it may lose the ability to generate enough lift

to disengage the clutch after being parked for an extended period.

FMVSS 1: NR FMVSS 2: NR

Description of the Safety Risk: If this condition remains undetected it could lead to a loss of control of the

vehicle when started in gear or first shifted into gear after being parked for an

extended period.

Description of the Cause: A chemical reaction inside the sealed clutch system creates gas bubbles which

may cause loss of clutch lift.

Identification of Any Warning In vehicles in which this condition is present, the customer may notice a large

that can Occur: amount of "free play" in the clutch lever when they first squeeze the clutch

after being parked for an extended period of time.

## **Supplier Identification:**

### **Component Manufacturer**

Name: Hayes Brake Performance Systems, Inc.

Address: 5800 West Donges Bay Road

Mequon WISCONSIN 53092

**Country: United States** 

#### **Chronology:**

May - June 2016: Harley-Davidson's Recall Investigation Committee, as part of its post-recall monitoring function related to Recall 0165 (NHTSA Recall No. 15V216) involving certain MY2014 and 2015 models, observed a spike in the number of similar warranty claims/reports in MY2016 motorcycles. Components used in MY2016 production were subjected to various process changes to ensure a higher degree of cleanliness in order to reduce the potential for a chemical reaction and development of gas bubbles in the clutch master cylinder that prompted the prior recall.

June 2016: Investigation of the reports indicated that the process changes applied to a specified production range of MY2016 motorcycles may not have effectively eliminated or mitigated the condition. (This does not affect the remedy used in the prior recall, which involved a different process. That process -- a distilled water wash to clean out debris, an isopropyl alcohol spray, system bleed, and a rebuild kit – effectively addressed the condition in the field and will be used in this recall.)

June 17, 2016: Upon review of the results of the RIC's investigation and analysis, Harley-

Davidson's executive management made its determination that a safety defect exists in the subject population and declared a recall to remedy the issue.

# **Description of Remedy:**

Description of Remedy Program: Owners of the affected motorcycles will be asked to arrange service with

an authorized Harley-Davidson dealer, who will confirm that the

motorcycle is covered by this recall. If covered, the dealer will inspect the

motorcycle and if necessary, will flush the clutch system with the

recommended wash solution and rebuild the clutch master cylinder using

the recall kit provided. This service will be provided at no charge to the

customer.

How Remedy Component Differs The dealer will flush the clutch master cylinder with the recommended from Recalled Component: wash solution and rebuild the clutch master cylinder using the recall kit

provided.

was Corrected in Production: year 2016 production.

Identify How/When Recall Condition The updated population includes bikes built up through the end of model

#### **Recall Schedule:**

Description of Recall Schedule: Harley-Davidson will notify the dealer network on or about 07/06/2016.

Owner notification letters will be sent beginning on or about

07/18/2016.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: JUL 06, 2016 - JUL 08, 2016 Planned Owner Notification Date: JUL 18, 2016 - JUL 22, 2016

\* NR - Not Reported