



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

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Mr. Nathan Boyd
Director, Product Integrity
Harley-Davidson Motor Company
11800 W. Capitol Drive
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NEF-150JK
18E-010

Subject: Saddlebags Can Detach While riding

Dear Mr. Boyd:

This letter serves to acknowledge Harley-Davidson Motor Company'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:

HARLEY-DAVIDSON/DETACHABLE SADDLEBAGS/9999

Mfr's Report Date: February 28, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18E-010

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 895

Problem Description:

Harley-Davidson Motor Company (Harley-Davidson) is recalling certain Detachable Saddlebags, part numbers 90201561, 90201645, 90501552, 90201644, 90201555, and 90201513. The saddlebag latching arm, part number 90200481, may disengage, allowing the saddlebag to separate from the motorcycle while riding.

Consequence:

If the saddlebag separates from the motorcycle while riding, it can become a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Harley-Davidson will notify owners, and dealers will install a kit onto the affected saddlebags that prevents the arm from unlatching inadvertently, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in early March 2018. Owners may contact Harley-Davidson customer service at 1-800-258-2464. Harley-Davidson's number for this recall is 0172.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received Harley-Davidson'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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

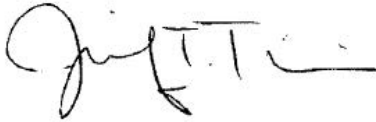
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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 Jennifer Kruger who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-2461, or by email at jennifer.kruger@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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