



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Michael Nixdorf  
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Harley-Davidson Motor Company  
11800 W. Capitol Drive  
Wauwatosa, WI 53222

NEF-107ES  
22V-781

**Subject:** Unintended Brake Light Illumination/FMVSS 108

Dear Mr. Nixdorf:

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/FLH/2021  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLHP/2020-2022  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLHR/2020-2022  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLHRXS/2020-2022  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLHT/2020-2022  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLHTCUTG/2019-2022  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLHTCUTGSE/2020-2022  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLHTK/2020-2022  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLHTK SHRINE/2021-2022  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLHTKSE/2020-2021  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLHX/2020-2022  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLHXS/2020-2022  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLHXSE/2020-2022  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLHXST/2022  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLRT/2019-2022  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLTRK/2020-2022  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLTRKSE/2022  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLTRX/2020-2022  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLTRXS/2020-2022  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLTRXSE/2020-2022  
HARLEY-DAVIDSON/FLTRXST/2022

**Mfr's Report Date:** October 18, 2022

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 22V-781

**Components:**

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 199,419



**Problem Description:**

Harley-Davidson Motor Company (Harley-Davidson) is recalling certain 2019-2022 Trike and CVO Trike and 2020-2022 Touring and CVO Touring motorcycles. Please refer to Addendum A for specific vehicle model details. The brake lights may illuminate without the rider applying the brakes. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

**Consequence:**

Unintended illumination of the brake lights may confuse other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Dealers will update the software on Touring and CVO Touring motorcycles. On Trike and CVO Trike motorcycles, a new pressure switch will also be installed. All repairs will be performed free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed October 26, 2022. Owners may contact Harley-Davidson customer service at 1-800-258-2464. Harley-Davidson's number for this recall is 0635.

**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.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

**Please ensure the following requirements are met:**

The percentage of products estimated to contain the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(4)). If less than 1%, amend your filing to state 1% and provide the actual calculated amount in the first product text box.

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

A description of the defect or noncompliance, including both a brief summary and a detailed description of the nature and physical location (if applicable) of the noncompliance. (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(5)).

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

As required in Part 573.6, please amend the chronology to provide a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information (such as the numbers of deaths and/or injuries), with their dates of receipt. If claim count exceeds 10 claims, please provide the total number of claims, and a receipt date range for those claims.

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

Per the requirements of 49 USC 30119, please provide the part number, name and description of the component or components involved in this recall. This information should be provided in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section.

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

Per the requirements of 573.6(c)(2)(iv), please provide the supplier name, contact information, address and country of origin (if known) for the affected component(s). If your company manufactured the component itself, then please state so in 573.

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

Your company's program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of your company's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with § 573.13. Your company's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by § 573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in your company's report to NHTSA. If your company submits one or more general reimbursement plans, your company shall update each plan every two years (§ 573.13). If the vehicles are new and would be covered under the manufacturer's warranty program, please state that in the remedy section of your filing.

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

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:

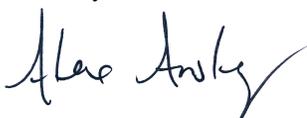
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are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

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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.

Harley-Davidson Motor Company's contact for this recall will be Emily C. Smith who may be reached by email at [emily.c.smith@dot.gov](mailto:emily.c.smith@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement