



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

*July 17, 2007*

RON MUNDT  
HARLEY DAVIDSON MOTOR COMPANY, INC.  
3700 JUNEAU AVENUE  
MILWAUKEE WI 53208

NVS-215dgl  
07V-296

Subject: EXHAUST PIPE

Dear MR. MUNDT:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. 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/XL1200L/2006-2007  
HARLEY DAVIDSON/XL1200N/2007

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 07V-296

**Mfg's Report Date:** June 27, 2007

**Components:** ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:EXHAUST  
SYSTEM:MANIFOLD/HEADER/MUFFLER/TAIL PIPE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 18,784

**Summary:**

CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES WERE BUILT WITH A CONDITION WHEREBY THE PANT LEG OF SOME RIDERS CAN HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE EXHAUST PIPE.

**Consequence:**

THIS CONDITION COULD CAUSE THE PANT LEG TO CHAR OR BURN, WHICH COULD LEAD TO THE POSSIBILITY OF INJURY TO THE RIDER.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL ADD A NEW EXHAUST SHIELD WHICH PROVIDES ADDITIONAL COVERAGE OF THE EXHAUST PIPE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JULY 16, 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT HARLEY DAVIDSON AT 1-414-343-4056.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

Please provide the following additional information and 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).

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 contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [Patricia.wallace@dot.gov](mailto:Patricia.wallace@dot.gov), [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



*for* George H. Person, Chief  
Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement

cc: Lawrence F. Henneberger, Arent Fox