



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Jeanne DeMund
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NVS-215KS
12E-056

Subject: Motorcycle Helmets/FMVSS 218

Dear Ms. DeMund:

This letter serves to acknowledge Vega Helmet Corporation'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:
VEGA/XTS/9999

Mfr's Report Date: December 19, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12E-056

Components:
EQUIPMENT:MOTORCYCLE:HELMETS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 30,546

Problem Description:

Vega Helmet Corporation (Vega) is recalling certain motorcycle helmets, model XTS, sizes L, XL, and XXL manufactured from May 2011 through October 2012. The helmets fail to conform to the impact attenuation requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 218, "Motorcycle Helmets."

Consequence:

By wearing a noncompliant helmet, the user may not be adequately protected in the event of a crash, increasing the risk of personal injury.

Remedy:

Vega will notify dealers and post public notices about the recall. Any noncompliant helmet will be replaced, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during late January 2013.

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.

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 that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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).

It is our understanding that Vega does not have records of the names and addresses of the owners of the subject motorcycle helmets. Accordingly, Vega will not submit a draft owner notification letter at this time. However, should Vega become aware of any owners, it is required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it.

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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@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