



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

December 6, 2013

Mr. Roger Roeszler  
Harley-Davidson Motor Company  
3700 Juneau Avenue  
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NVS-215KS  
13V-517

**Subject:** Clutch may not Disengage/Incorrect Clutch Plate

Dear Mr. Roeszler:

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:**

H-D/FLHTCUTG/2014  
H-D/FLSTNSE/2014  
H-D/FXSBSE/2014

**Mfr's Report Date:** October 16, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V-517

**Components:**

POWER TRAIN:CLUTCH ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,886

**Problem Description:**

Harley-Davidson Motor Company (Harley-Davidson) is recalling certain model year 2014 FLHTCUTG, FLXSBE, and FLSTNSE motorcycles manufactured May 3, 2013, through October 14, 2013. The affected motorcycles may have been built with an incorrect clutch release plate.

**Consequence:**

An incorrect clutch release plate may prevent the clutch from disengaging. If the clutch does not disengage, the rider may have difficulty slowing or stopping the motorcycle, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Harley-Davidson will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the clutch release plate. If the clutch is incorrect, it will be replaced free of charge. The recall began in November 2013. Harley-Davidson's recall number is 0154. Owners may contact Harley-Davidson at 1-800-258-2464.

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



It is our understanding that notification to owners began in October 2013, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for Harley-Davidson to do a renotification, the follow-up notification must be submitted to this office for review and it must comply with the requirements of Part 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision" and Part 577.10, "Follow-up notification."

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).

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.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements are already in effect. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

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](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement