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Chief Administrator  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W46-421  
Washington, DC 20590

**Regarding: 2013 Model Year Yamaha XVS950CU (BOLT) model motorcycles  
Wire harness restraint, Factory Modification Campaign**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide preliminary information required by 49 CFR 573 and the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act regarding a defect notification campaign we are initiating. Attached are draft copies of the Owner's notification letter, for Agency review and approval, and the dealer technical bulletin. The envelope format has previously been approved by the Agency for prior campaigns.

1. Manufacturers Name: Yamaha Motor Company, Ltd.  
2500 Shingai  
Iwata, Japan  
  
Imported Vehicle Distributor: Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.  
6555 Katella Avenue  
Cypress, California 90630
2. Vehicles Affected: Make: Yamaha  
Model: 2014 Model Year XVS950CU Motorcycles  
  
Nominal Engine Displacement: XVS950 is 950cc  
  
Production Period: 03/2013 – 06/2013
3. The campaign relates to the motorcycle's wiring harness.
4. Total number of subject vehicles: Current estimate: 3,900 units. This will be updated in a supplemental report as we finalize the affected VIN range.
5. VIN Range: See tentative range in draft Technical Bulletin attached. Likewise this will be updated in a subsequent report as data is confirmed.

6. The campaign involves the added restraint straps (bands) to the wiring harness. In affected motorcycles, slack or sag in the wire harness can allow contact between the harness and the exhaust manifold. This contact may cause the insulation on wires to melt and allow for a direct short circuit, blowing fuses. If this happens, the engine may stall. A draft Technical Bulletin which will be furnished to the Agency upon completion describing the situation which is the subject of the campaign.
7. On July 05, 2013, Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. was informed by the manufacturer, Yamaha Motor Company, Ltd., that such a situation exists. This was determined pursuant to a quality control review, testing and a review of foreign models that use a substantially similarly part design.

We anticipate commencing dealer/owner notification shortly after the owner's notification letter is approved by NHTSA (draft copies of the Customer Notification Letter and Technical Bulletin Attached for your review), the affected VIN range is ascertained and the Technical Bulletin service procedure is confirmed by Yamaha service staff. Assuming the Agency can approve the letter within 5 days of receipt (perhaps July 12th) we will have the letter and Technical Bulletin printed. Normal turn-around time is 3 working days for such printing. Hence the materials will be ready for mailing approximately July 19th. Final copies of these notification documents will be forwarded to the Agency as soon as possible.

In the event we can answer any questions or provide supplemental information, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct telephone number is 714-761-7842. The fax number is 714-229-7944. My email is [brad\\_franklin@yamaha-motor.com](mailto:brad_franklin@yamaha-motor.com).

Sincerely,

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