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VIA EMAIL (RMD.ODI@DOT.GOV) and CERTIFIED MAIL

October 1, 2013

Ms. Nancy L. Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
US Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. Lewis:

The following information is submitted in accordance with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's defect and noncompliance reporting regulations, 49 CFR Part 573.6.

Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc. has decided that a defect related to motor vehicle safety may exist on certain M.Y. 2014 Trike family motorcycles.

IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES POTENTIALLY CONTAINING THE DEFECT:

This recall involves 436 motorcycles shipped in the U.S, which represents certain M.Y. 2014 Trike family motorcycles built 7/24/2013 through 9/2/2013. This recall covers the subject motorcycle population in its entirety, although not all of these motorcycles may contain the defect.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:

On some of these motorcycles, the Upper Fork Stem Bracket, P/N 45900027, was machined incorrectly, allowing more steering angle than design intent. If not addressed, this condition could allow contact of the inner fairing with the rear brake fluid reservoir, which may result in a loss of rear brake fluid, leading to a reduction in rear brake performance. It could also allow the steering damper to act as the steering stop. If this occurs, it may lead to damage to the steering damper, which could affect steering. If this condition remains undetected it could cause a crash resulting in injury or death of the rider. Harley-Davidson has initiated this recall to correct this condition in affected motorcycles.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:

First notice of this issue was received by the Harley-Davidson Recall Investigation Committee (RIC) on 8/27/13 by a phone call from our York Assembly Plant. As a result of this report, the

RIC initiated an investigation and analysis of this issue. An initial search of existing warranty data disclosed no claims or customer complaints, but Harley-Davidson stopped shipment of new vehicles being assembled at the York Assembly Plant on 8/28/13.

The Company subsequently initiated an investigation into this issue, including an evaluation of the cause and its affect on motor vehicle safety. An updated search of existing warranty data was conducted with no warranty claims found. A search of existing customer contact data disclosed one call from a dealer who had noted the potential for interference. There was no crash or injury reported in this call.

On 9/24/2013, upon review of the results of the RIC's investigation and analysis, Harley-Davidson's executive management made its determination that a safety related defect existed in the subject population and declared a recall to remedy the issue.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM TO REMEDY THE DEFECT:

Owners of the affected motorcycles will be asked to visit an authorized Harley-Davidson dealer, which will inspect the motorcycle to determine if the motorcycle has an incorrectly machined fork stem bracket and, if necessary, replace it free of charge.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTOR COMPANY PRE-NOTIFICATION REMEDY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 577.11(e), Harley-Davidson requests that it be exempt from providing notification of a reimbursement plan. All of the affected products are covered by the manufacturer's limited warranty. Accordingly, no person would be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to § 573.13.

DEALER AND OWNER NOTIFICATION:

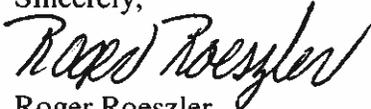
Harley-Davidson expects to notify its dealer network by the week of September 30, 2013 and motorcycle owners by the week of October 14, 2013.

PART 577 NOTICE LETTER:

A draft of the owner notification letter is attached.

Please advise the undersigned of the campaign number assigned by ODI to this recall.

Sincerely,



Roger Roeszler
Harley-Davidson Motor Company, Inc.
Recall 0152

Enclosure (Draft Part 577 Owner Letter)