

REAR BRAKE PEDAL STOP BOLT JAMNUT / 1979 XLH, XLS

A quantity of 635 XLH and XLS 1979 motorcycles were produced and shipped between March 30, 1979 and April 19, 1979 with a possible defect in the assembly of the brake pedal stop bolt jamnut. Jamnuts of affected motorcycles may not have been securely tightened at the time of factory assembly. This condition could allow the bolt to unscrew from the pedal shaft arm and allow the bolt head to contact the lower inside edge of the sprocket cover, possibly locking the rear brake in the applied position or prevent the rear brake pedal from being applied.

In compliance with the National Motor Vehicle Safety Act, this has been declared a safety defect by Harley-Davidson Motor Co., Inc.

Mailgram ML-119 was sent to all dealers of record on April 27, 1979 advising of this problem and stated that the affected motorcycles must not be operated or sold until corrected.

The motorcycles as identified by the following VIN's must be inspected and corrected as necessary before sale or use.

3A 53871
3A 57901 to 3A 57928
3A 58103 to 3A 58144
4E 58285 to 4E 58292
3A 58406 to 3A 58413
3A 58528 to 3A 58540
3A 58541 to 3A 58621
3A 58664
4E 58665 to 4E 58666
3A 58667 to 3A 58707
3A 58746 to 3A 58789
3A 58905 to 3A 58937
3A 59068 to 3A 59087
3A 59155 to 3A 59204
3A 59339 to 3A 59378
3A 59412 to 3A 59429
3A 59530 to 3A 59560

3A 59663 to 3A 59670
3A 59856 to 3A 59870
3A 59987 to 3A 59046
3A 60083 to 3A 60103
3A 60379 to 3A 60410
3A 60623 to 3A 60661
3A 60913 to 3A 60935

All registered owners of record are being notified of this recall campaign and are being instructed to bring their motorcycles to you for service. A copy of the owner letter is enclosed for your information. Each letter to the registered owner will include Dealer Service Card 041 which must be completed, dated and signed by both the customer and the dealer, to verify that service has been satisfactorily completed.

A list of registered owners and a list of unregistered vehicles involved in this campaign, which have been delivered to your dealership, are included with this bulletin. It is your responsibility to perform the required service on all affected vehicles, including those which may not show on the lists. We are enclosing sufficient blank Dealer Service Cards for those vehicles.

IMPORTANT

Because only registered owners, as shown on the enclosed list, will receive notification from us, we request that you contact any owners of vehicles listed as unregistered and arrange to have them come in for service as soon as possible.

When servicing each motorcycle, make sure you fill out the Dealer Service Card completely including Code 041, vehicle identification code (VIN), your dealer account number, and mark repair box only for each motorcycle serviced. Upon receipt of each properly completed



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SAMPLE COPY

June 29, 1979

Dear Harley-Davidson Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic & Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Harley-Davidson Motor Co., Inc. has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the assembly of the rear brake pedal stop bolt jamnut on your 1979 XLH or XLS model motorcycle.

The brake pedal stop bolt is located behind the right side sprocket cover on the pedal shaft arm and is used for adjusting the brake pedal free play. Your Owner's Manual has further information.

If the jamnut is loose, the stop bolt could unscrew from the shaft arm and allow the bolt head to contact the lower inside edge of the sprocket cover, possibly locking the rear brake in the applied position or preventing the rear brake from being applied. If either of these conditions occur while using your rear brake, you could lose vehicle control and possibly crash, causing personal injury.

We have advised our dealers of this problem and have instructed them to inspect all model XLH and XLS motorcycles which may have this condition and check for proper assembly of the pedal stop bolt.

WE ADVISE YOU NOT TO OPERATE YOUR MOTORCYCLE UNTIL THE NECESSARY INSPECTION CAN BE MADE BY YOUR DEALER.

To have this inspection and any necessary work done on your motorcycle, please contact your dealer immediately to arrange an appointment. The work will be done at no cost to you and will take less than 10 minutes to complete.

Please present the enclosed dealer service card to your dealer when service is performed. This card identifies your motorcycle and will assist your dealer in performing this service in the shortest possible time. The card should then be signed by you and the dealer and returned to us to allow us to verify that corrective work has been completed.

If you have sold or traded your motorcycle, please let us know by completing the enclosed motorcycle owner card and returning it to us. This will enable us to contact the new owner and advise him of this recall.

If you take your motorcycle to your dealer on the mutually agreed upon service date and he does not remedy the defect without charge on that date

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or within a reasonable time, you should contact our Service Department for assistance at the address or telephone number on this letterhead. If your dealer or Harley-Davidson fails or is unable to remedy this defect on your motorcycle without charge within a reasonable time, you may wish to notify the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Washington, D.C. 20590.

Thank you for your cooperation. We regret that this recall may cause you inconvenience, however, we have taken this action in the interest of your personal safety and satisfaction with our products.

HARLEY-DAVIDSON MOTOR CO., INC.

Enclosure