CRITICAL DRIVE BELT HANDLING PROCEDURES

Purpose
The purpose of this bulletin is to assist dealer technicians in understanding how improper service procedures impact drive belt durability on all Buell motorcycles.

Motorcycles Affected
Improper belt handling procedures affect all Buell motorcycles. Detailed analysis of drive belts from 2003 XB models returned under warranty has shown a trend in failures due to improper belt handling during routine servicing.

Required Dealer Action
Follow complete procedures for removing belt guards and idler pulley on 2003 models XB9R and XB9S. These procedures can be found in service manuals Part No. 99493-03Y and Part No. 99490-03Y.

CAUTION
Attempts to short cut these procedures will result in reduced drive belt durability and belt life.

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The drive belt can be damaged by improper handling. The guidelines outlined in Buell service manuals apply to all belt drive systems.

IMPORTANT NOTE
Do not leave the upper and lower belt guards and the idler pulley attached to the vehicle during the removal of the rear wheel. Follow complete service manual procedures.

Figure 1. Improper Handling of Drive Belt During Rear Wheel Removal

DO NOT PRY

DO NOT TWIST

IMPORTANT NOTE
In the interest of preserving customer safety and satisfaction, always check for outstanding recalls whenever any motorcycle is brought into your dealership for either maintenance or service.