



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

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Mr. Michael Nixdorf
Director, Product Integrity
Harley-Davidson Motor Company
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Wauwatosa, WI 53222

NEF-107ES
22V-745

Subject: Handlebar May Break

Dear Mr. Nixdorf:

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:

HARLEY-DAVIDSON/RH975/2022

Mfr's Report Date: October 6, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-745

Components:

STEERING: STEERING WHEEL/HANDLE BAR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,074

Problem Description:

Harley-Davidson Motor Company (Harley-Davidson) is recalling certain 2022 RH975 Nightster motorcycles. The handlebar may not have been welded properly and may break.

Consequence:

A broken handlebar can cause a sudden loss of steering control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will replace the handlebar, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed October 18, 2022. Owners may contact Harley-Davidson customer service at 1-800-258-2464. Harley-Davidson's number for this recall is 0179.

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.nhtsa.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:



You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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.

Harley-Davidson Motor Company's contact for this recall will be Emily C. Smith who may be reached by email at emily.c.smith@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement