

**FRONT FORK SLIDER /SHORTSTER.**

1972 Shortster minicycles from 5C 10000 H2 through 5C 11500 H2 incorporate front fork sliders which may have an inadequate weld joint which secures the axle mounting clip to the slider tube.

The supplier has reported that the first 1500 forks furnished for the 1972 MC-65 model had the welds trimmed, which could result in a weak assembly which may fail during operation and result in the front wheel becoming detached, causing an accident with possible personal injury.

In compliance with the National Motor Vehicle Safety Act, this has been declared a safety defect and all front fork sliders must be replaced on Shortster minicycles within the range of listed serial numbers. This includes all affected motorcycles previously delivered to you or your customers and those which will be delivered to you out of warehouses. A list of registered owners and a list of undelivered vehicles involved in this campaign which have been delivered to your dealership are included with this bulletin. It is your responsibility to contact owners of Shortsters you have sold but which are not listed on enclosed notification. Subsequent production of Shortsters above VIN 5C 11500 H2, Have untrimmed welds, and provide adequate strength at the welded joint.

Immediately order the quantity of Front Fork Slider Set, part No. 93108, which you will require, on the special order blank enclosed. We will begin notification of registered owners in your dealership to contact you for this service in approximately one week. This will allow time for order and delivery of parts. As soon as you receive parts from the factory, we urge you to immediately contact each of these owners, as well as any other owners of the involved vehicles in your area that are not listed, and make arrangements to install the slider set. A copy of the letter to the owners is enclosed for your information. Installation instructions are at the end of the bulletin.

Each letter to the owners will include special service card No. 016 which must be completed, signed by the customer and you, the dealer, at the time service is performed. Extra service cards for undelivered motorcycles are enclosed with this bulletin. If required, additional cards should be ordered from the Service Department stating quantity and defect Code No. 016.

Immediately after service is performed, return completed service cards No. 016 in an envelope to Harley-Davidson Motor Co., Inc., Attention: Service Department, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201.

You will receive \$14.90 credit (\$13.50 parts plus \$1.40 labor) per vehicle for each properly completed service card returned. **DO NOT RETURN FORK SLIDERS -- DO NOT SUBMIT WARRANTY CLAIM FORM.**

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR INSTALLING FORK SLIDERS

Support motorcycle underneath engine with front wheel off floor. Remove one axle nut. Remove axle, spacers, speedometer drive, and wheel. Remove old axle clips (do not reuse on new sliders). Unscrew and remove both fork sliders (counterclockwise). Transfer rubber boots over to new fork sliders. Grease springs and fork tubes and install new fork sliders by screwing (clockwise) onto fork tube springs, making certain springs have adequately engaged the spring anchor in the slider.

Reinstall wheel with thick spacer between right side of wheel and speedometer drive, and with narrow spacer between speedometer drive and slider. Speedometer drive ear must register in slot in wheel hub. Brake side plate slot must register on lug of left fork slider.

Reinstall self-locking nut and tighten securely. Check front brake operation and adjust if necessary.

NOTICE! Old fork sliders which you remove must not be reused and must be destroyed.

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