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SAFETY DEFECT CODE NO. 017

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FRONT WHEEL BEARING RETAINING RING XLH, XLCH, FX

The front wheel bearing retaining ring, part No. 11035, is flat on one side and has a bevel on the other side. This retaining ring is assembled in the hub with the flat side toward the bearing, part No. 9009.

A certain number of 1972 Super Glide FX and Sportster XLH and XLCH motorcycles were produced on which the front wheel bearing lock ring was installed backwards. Installing the retaining ring backwards could result in the front wheel being loose or for the bearing itself to lock up. The affected motorcycles are within the following range of numbers:

VIN 3A or 4A 39624 H2 to 50531 H2 and VIN 2C 39369 to 40852 H2

Some of the motorcycles in this V. I. N. range were corrected at the factory. Dealers who were shipped suspect machines will receive a list of those machines not repaired at the factory.

Because a condition could occur on some of the motorcycles not repaired at the factory which could cause unstable handling and possible loss of rider control, we have declared this to be a safety defect.

In compliance with the National Motor Vehicle Safety laws, which apply whenever a safety hazard exists, we are required to have you remove the front wheel of the suspect machines and check the lock ring installation by removing the lock ring. Check the bearing and replace if damaged. Reinstall lock ring making sure that flat side is toward the bearing.

Due to the brief period of time that has elapsed since these motorcycles were shipped, there is no list of registered owners available. Therefore, if you have received any suspect machines, it is your responsibility to contact, by registered mail, owners of the listed machines shipped to your dealership.

Immediately after service is performed, return completed service card No. 017, with warranty claim form for any parts replaced, to Harley-Davidson Motor Co., Inc., Attention: Service Department, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201.

You will receive \$2.10 credit for labor and handling per vehicle for each properly completed service card returned.

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