



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation:	PE 10-044	Date Closed:	02/07/2011
Date Opened:	11/04/2010	Reviewer:	Richard Boyd
Investigator:	Robert Young		
Approver:	Frank Borris		
Subject:	Motorcycle coolant leak...radiator		

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer:	DUCATI NORTH AMERICA
Products:	2008-2009 Ducati 848
Population:	3,956
Problem Description:	Coolant leak from radiator/support bracket interface.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	3	52	55
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
Other*:	2	0	2

*Description of Other: Web forum postings

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: No current defect trend noted. Close this PE

Summary:

After opening this PE, ODI gathered information from involved owners, Ducati dealers, and Ducati North America personnel. We were particularly interested in ascertaining how much hot coolant was leaking and whether it had the potential to burn the rider and/or wash the rear tire contact patch. On November 23, 2010, using a complaint radiator installed in a MY 2010 Ducati 848, we observed the subject leakage noting its consistency with what we were told by various dealers and owners. Over the course of 15 minutes, after reaching operating temperature, we noted the volume of leaked coolant to be de minimis. In the absence of alleged lower extremity burns and/or loss of rear tire traction (let alone, crashes), this supports a finding that no defect trend currently exists involving alleged coolant leakage from the subject radiator(s). Accordingly, this investigation is closed. The closing of this investigation does not constitute a finding by NHTSA that a safety-related defect does not exist. The Agency will continue to monitor complaints and other information relating to the alleged defect in the subject vehicles and take further action if warranted in the future.