



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 10-044
Date Opened: 11/04/2010
Investigator: Robert Young
Approver: Richard Boyd
Subject: Motorcycle coolant leak

Reviewer: Bruce York-B

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: DUCATI NORTH AMERICA
Products: 2008-9 Ducati 848
Population: 3,046 (Estimated)
Problem Description: Radiator leaks coolant

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

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

***Description of Other:** Numerous relevant postings on various web forums

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open Preliminary Evaluation (PE) to learn more about this subject.

Summary:

Subject motorcycle owners allege coolant leaks from radiator. Hot, slippery coolant contacts the rider leg(s) and/or rear tire.

Web forums are rife with related postings.

Historically, ODI has pursued recalls where hot, pressurized coolant leaks onto automotive occupant(s) as is alleged here (involving motorcycle operator). Furthermore, coolant is extremely slick and may pose a risk to motorcycle stability should it contact either tire.

To learn more about this issue, ODI is conducting this Preliminary Evaluation