

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles  
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report<sup>3</sup>

On 7TH DECEMBER, 2004, DUCATI MOTOR HOLDING [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. \_\_\_\_\_) exits in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Date this report was prepared: 7TH DECEMBER 2004

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

DUCATI MOTOR HOLDING SPA  
VIA CAVALIERI DUCATI 3 40132 BOLOGNA ITALY

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

AUSTIN GRAY  
NATIONAL SERVICE MANAGER (DNA)

Signed: 

28 January 2008

<sup>3</sup>Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. Jon White at (202) 366-5227 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.

**I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall**

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:

Make(s): DUCATI Model Years Involved: 2003 Model(s): 999 / 999S

Production Dates: Beginning: 9/2/02 Ending: 7/2/03

VIN Range: Beginning: ZDM1UB5T03B00054 Ending: ZDM1UB5VX3B00347

Vehicle Type: MOTORCYCLE Bodystyle: RACE REPLICA

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

IDENTIFIABLE BY VIN NUMBER AND LACK OF HOSE RETAINING

CLIP.

Make(s): DUCATI Model Years Involved: 2003 Model(s): 749S

Production Dates: Beginning: 11/20/02 Ending: 4/4/03

VIN Range: Beginning: ZDM1UB3S03B000627 Ending: ZDM1UB3SX3B002143

Vehicle Type: MOTORCYCLE Bodystyle: RACE REPLICA

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Model Years Involved: \_\_\_\_\_ Model(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Production Dates: Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ Ending: \_\_\_\_\_

VIN Range: Beginning: \_\_\_\_\_ Ending: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Bodystyle: \_\_\_\_\_

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Widgets equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Widgets of all Widgets manufactured during that time period. 5%

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved</u>
749s	2002/2003	191
999	2002/2003	652
999s	2002/2003	150

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 993

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: \_\_\_\_\_

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined--in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

  DUCATI MOTOR SPA DETERMINED THAT IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE  
  FRONT BRAKE HOSE TO BECOME TRAPPED BETWEEN THE LOWER  
  STEERING FLANGE AND THE STEERING FLANGE AND THE  
  STEERING LOCK PEG. UNITS IDENTIFIED DID NOT INCLUDE  
  THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS AS PART OF PRODUCTION ASSEMBLY  
  999 AND 749S, CLIP 74110301A, SCREW 60N107330, NUT 74950021A  
  999S CLIP 74110301B, SCREW 60N107330, NUT 74950021A.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

POTENTIAL FOR THE FRONT BRAKE HOSE TO BECOME TRAPPED BETWEEN THE LOWER STEERING FLANGE AND THE STEERING LOCK PEG DURING A TURN. SUBSEQUENT DAMAGE COULD CAUSE LOSS OF FRONT BRAKING CAPABILITY

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

DESIGN FAILURE

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

DAMAGE TO FRONT BRAKE HOSE WITH POTENTIAL FOR LOSS OF BRAKING

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

VISIBLE DAMAGE TO HOSE, LOSS OF BRAKE FLUID

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

IN HOUSE PRODUCTION.

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

**IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance**

*If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.*

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

DURING DESIGN/PRODUCTION FAILURE ANALYSIS  
QUALITY CONTROL DETERMINED THE ROUTING OF  
THE FRONT BRAKE TO BE SUCH THAT POTENTIAL  
FOR DAMAGE WAS EVIDENT.

**V. Identify the Remedy**

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

INCLUSION OF AN ADDITIONAL HOSE CLIP TO  
PREVENTING HOSE TRAVELLING INTO POTENTIAL  
DAMAGE AREA DURING TURNS.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

INCLUSION OF HOSE CLIP ON RIGHT HAND FORK LEG  
ABOVE LOWER STEERING FLANGE.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

PRODUCTION AND FIELD REMEDY ARE IDENTICAL

NEW DESIGN INCORPORATED INTO PRODUCTION

APRIL AND JULY 2003

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

DUCATI NORTH AMERICA SERVICE BULLETIN TO BE

PUBLISHED TO THE NETWORK OF DEALERS.

ESTABLISHED COMMUNICATION PROCESS THEREFORE

NO IMPLEMENTATION PROBLEMS FORSEEABLE.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. *A DRAFT copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing.*

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 573.8 requirements.

*The Privacy Act of 1974 - Public Law 93-579, As Amended: This information is requested pursuant to the authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administration enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.*