



U.S. Department
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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 04V-340 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **July 3, 2004**

Date Faxed: **July 26, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Ducati North America**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Renato Alme, Dealer Service Manager,
Warranty Manager**

FAX: **201-871-0489**

SUBJECT: **1,800 Ducati 2003-2004 999, 999S, 999R, 999R Fila, 749 and 749S motorcycles equipped with the KTM oil cooler, Part No. 54840421A, will need to be inspected. A significant quantity of oil lubricant can leak onto the rear wheel and tire.**

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. The following needs to be changed or added to the owner letter:

1. The second paragraph needs to state: "Ducati Motor S.P.A. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2003 and 2004 model 999, 999R, 999R Fila, 749, and 749S motorcycles manufactured from ? through ?. [Please add the manufacturing dates]. [Give a clear description of the problem along with an evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety. When a vehicle crash is a potential occurrence, the evaluation should include whichever of the following is appropriate: (1) a statement that the defect can cause vehicle crash without prior warning; or (2) a description of whatever prior warning may occur, and a statement that if this warning is not heeded, a vehicle crash can occur. If a vehicle crash is not the potential occur, the evaluation must include a statement indicating the general type of injury to occupants of the vehicle, or to persons outside the vehicle, that can result from this problem, and a description of whatever prior warning could occur.]
2. Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin during August 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 2004.

Please let me know when the actual mailing takes place, and as usual, provide this office with final copies of all documents relating to the recall.

If you have any questions, please call:

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