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**National Highway  
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Mr. Renato Aime  
Dealer Service Manager  
Ducati North America, Inc.  
10443 Bandle Drive  
Cupertino, CA 95014

NVS-215kjs

Dear Mr. Aime:

Ducati North America, Inc. (Ducati) is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in safety recall 04V-340 who have not had their motorcycles corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves 1,832 Ducati 2003-2004 999, 999S, 999R, 999R Fila, 749 and 749S motorcycles equipped with the KTM oil cooler, Part No. 54840421A. A significant quantity of oil lubricant can leak onto the rear wheel and tire. The remedy for this recall campaign is to inspect the oil cooler and replace it if necessary. Through the first quarter of 2006, Ducati's sixth reporting quarter, Ducati reports that of the 1,832 motorcycles involved, 444 have been remedied, resulting in a completion rate of 24 percent.

Ducati should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

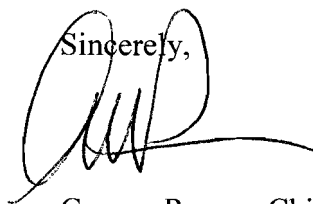
- Before conducting the owner renotification, Ducati should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.
- Ducati's proposed owner renotification letter for this recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "Follow-up Notification," and must be submitted to NHTSA for review before owner renotification begins. Part 577.10(e)(1) specifically requires that the renotification letter be identified as a ". . . follow-up to an earlier communication."
- In addition to the six quarterly status reports required under 49 CFR Part 573.6, "Quarterly Reports," Ducati is requested to file three additional quarterly status reports.

- Furnish a proposed schedule for conducting the owner renotification that includes the following information:
  - a. the date on which the search of current state motor vehicle registration records will be initiated in order to update the original owner list;
  - b. the approximate date on which the revised owner list will be available to initiate owner renotification;
  - c. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will begin; and
  - d. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will be completed (if the owner renotification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner renotification date for each segment).

Ducati's renotification schedule and a draft of the proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by December 27, 2006.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Kelly Schuler of my staff at (202) 366-5227, by fax at (202) 366-7882, or by e-mail at [kschuler@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:kschuler@nhtsa.dot.gov).

Sincerely,



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