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October 7, 2004

VIA FACSIMILE (202) 366-7882, Attn: Mr. Jon White
ALSO VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance (NSA-01)
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 7th Street SW
Washington, DC 20590

Regarding: 04V-475

Dear Sir/Madam,

First, we thank the Agency for their review and approval of our proposed owner's notification. Enclosed please find hard copies of the Technical Bulletin issued our dealers as well as the approved owner's letter. All Yamaha motorcycle and scooter dealers receive the Technical Bulletin. To facilitate repairs, dealers invoiced affected products under the instant recall receive an additional Bulletin with a print-out of the affected VIN's of the units they have received. The mailing of both the dealer Bulletin and owner's letter will be completed 10-8-04, so your assumption is correct as to the timing of our quarterly reports.

The determination date for this campaign was 9-24-04. The starting production period for the vehicles was July 2004, ending in September, 2004. As this campaign is international in scope we could only provide in our initial report an estimate of affected vehicles in the U.S. We are now obviously in a position to provide the accurate range. The Technical Bulletin provides the final VIN ranges by model with a combined total of 3,990 vehicles in the U.S. For TREAD purposes obviously it goes without saying similar campaigns are being conducted in other jurisdictions.

In the event I can provide further information or answer any questions please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Russell D. Jura" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Russell D. Jura
Senior Vice President
and General Counsel

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Enclosures: Technical Bulletin
Owners Letter

Technical BULLETIN

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RECALL

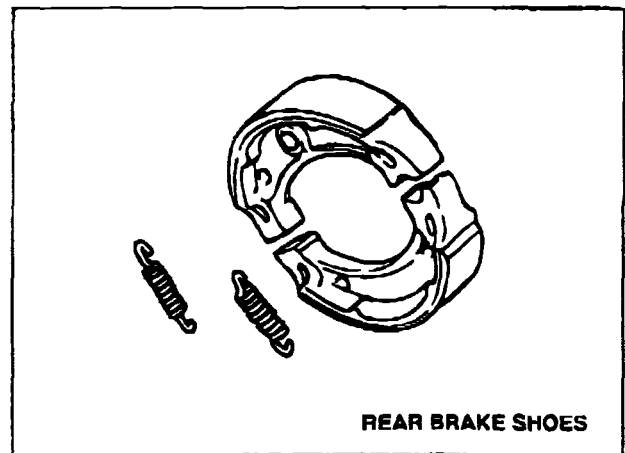
This modification has top priority. This bulletin must be performed immediately to ensure customer safety.

2005 XV250T ("Virago 250"), XT225T, and YW50T ("Zuma") FACTORY MODIFICATION CAMPAIGN – BRAKE REPLACEMENT



INTRODUCTION

Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA, has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2005 XV250T and TC ("Virago 250") motorcycles, in certain XT225T and TC motorcycles, and in certain YW50T ("Zuma") scooters. These vehicles are equipped with drum-type rear brakes that use friction material on metal brake shoes to provide the stopping power. In some of the affected vehicles, the friction material could separate from the brake shoes because of an improper adhesive-curing process during manufacture. If such separation occurs during operation, braking ability with the rear wheel will be reduced or lost, which could cause an accident resulting in personal injury or death to the operator, passenger, other motorists, or bystanders.



To correct this defect, Yamaha is initiating a Factory Modification Campaign. Affected vehicles must have the rear brake shoes replaced with new ones. Yamaha is notifying all registered owners of affected vehicles by mail. A copy of this letter is included in this bulletin. The customer should take the letter along with the affected vehicle to an authorized Yamaha dealer for the modification.

A computer report listing all affected vehicles invoiced to your dealership is included with this bulletin. Use the list to help ensure all vehicles are modified. All sold vehicles that have been registered with Yamaha will show the customer's name and address. Your dealership must notify the owner of any affected vehicle that was actually sold but is listed as "unsold" in the report.

You must modify all affected vehicles in your inventory as well as all customer-owned vehicles brought to you for this service. Any affected vehicle that you purchase from Yamaha in the future will also require modification. If you purchase a vehicle from another dealer, check to see if the procedures in this bulletin have already been performed before you sell the vehicle.

Vehicles that are affected should not be operated until they are modified. It is a violation of Yamaha policy for your dealership to deliver any affected vehicle to customers until the procedures in this bulletin are performed.

When the modification on each vehicle is performed, follow the Warranty Information section of this bulletin to receive reimbursement. Be sure to use the Factory Modification Campaign procedures in Chapter 8 of the **Warranty and Y.E.S. Handbook** (LIT-11760-00-04).

IMPORTANT: Yamaha has issued other Technical Bulletins at this same time which describe the equivalent recall measures for other models:

- M2004-0021 covers certain PW80T and TT-R90ET off-road motorcycles.
- AT2004-009 covers certain YFM125GT and YFM125GHT ("Grizzly 125") ATVs.



DEALER ACTION SUMMARY

Modify: All XV250T ("Virago 250"), XT225T, and all YW50T ("Zuma") units in the affected ranges. Before modifying an unfamiliar unit, check for a punch mark next to the VIN on the frame to see if the modification has already been done (see Identification Procedure in this bulletin).

Parts

Required: Order a new set of rear brake shoes for each affected unit.

Warranty: Factory Modification Campaign. See the Warranty Information section of this bulletin.)

Notify

Customers: Yes. You must immediately contact any customer whose vehicle shows as unregistered on the enclosed report. Yamaha has sent letters to customers whose vehicles were registered for warranty as of 9/30/04.



AFFECTED RANGE

XV250T	2UJ-055136~055676
XV250T	3DN-009307~009356
XT225T	4BE-070483~070784
XT225TC	4BE-070785~070804
YW50T	SA20A-600101~603182

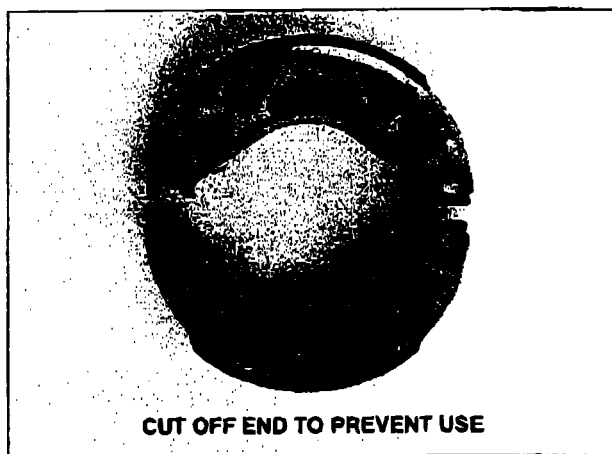


SERVICE PROCEDURES

Refer to the Service Manual for specific brake removal and reinstallation procedures.

The XV250T Service Manual is LIT-11616-XV-25.
The XT225T Service Manual is LIT-11616-XT-25.
The YW50T Service Manual is LIT-11616-15-39.

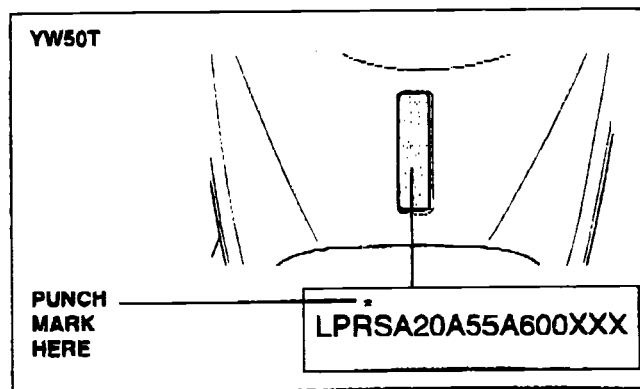
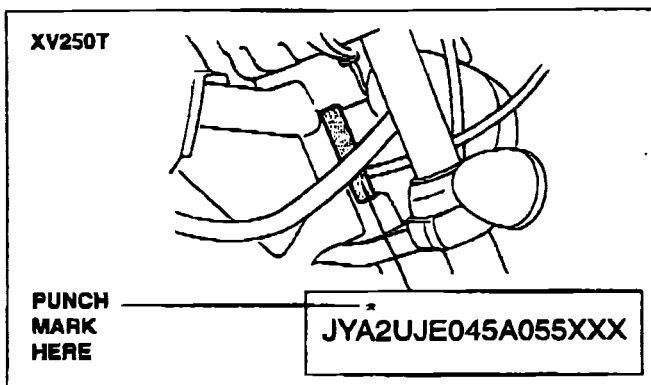
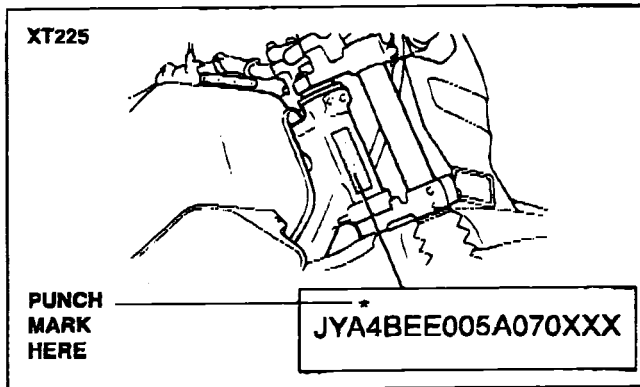
1. Replace the rear brake shoes with new ones.
2. Using a hacksaw, cut off a portion of the rounded end of each of the brake shoes that were removed to prevent their accidental reuse (see photo). Tag and hold the brake shoes for 90 days from the date you submit your Recall Request.



IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE

After modification, put a punch mark above the frame number (VIN) as shown.

Before modifying an unfamiliar unit, check for a punch mark next to the VIN on the frame to see if the modification has already been done.





PARTS INFORMATION

Order a new set of rear brake shoes for each affected unit.

Affected Models	Part Number	Description	Qty.	Dealer Cost
XV250T and TC	3LS-W253E-00-00	Brake Shoe Kit (Rear)	1	\$10.34
XT225T and TC	4BE-W253E-00-00	Brake Shoe Kit (Rear)	1	\$9.67
YW50T	5DV-W253E-02-00	Brake Shoe Kit (Rear)	1	\$18.67



WARRANTY INFORMATION

The owner of each warranty-registered affected unit will receive a letter announcing this campaign. The letter has a label that includes the Primary ID and Recall Number. Use this information when submitting for reimbursement as described below.

The modification is authorized for all affected vehicles, both sold and unsold, regardless of ownership or warranty status. You do not need the customer's letter to perform the modification or to file for reimbursement.

Brake Shoe Replacement

After modification, submit a Recall Request using Recall Number **990025**. Choose the status "M." You will be reimbursed for parts and labor as follows:

- XV250T: 0.6 hour of labor plus the brake shoes and your parts handling fee.
- XT225T: 0.8 hour of labor plus the brake shoes and your parts handling fee.
- YW50T: 0.5 hour of labor plus the brake shoes and your parts handling fee.

YDS:

When signed on to YDS, click on the Service Tab, and then "Recall Request-Add." This function has recently been improved to allow you to enter multiple Primary IDs for the same recall. Remember that YDS now requires a 7-digit serial number, so use a "0" as the first digit. The system will check your submission instantly to make sure the Primary ID numbers you've entered are valid for the recall. You can check back the next day for your claim numbers to track your credit.

MAIL:

Complete a recall Reimbursement Request (LIT-11790-00-03) as shown below:

Dealer Number: <input type="text"/>					Dealer Name: <input type="text"/>																							
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If you have any questions about proper procedures for Factory Modification Campaigns, see Chapter 8 in your Warranty and Y.E.S. Handbook (LIT-11760-00-04).



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CUSTOMER SUPPORT GROUP

6555 Katella Avenue, Cypress, California 90630-5101 (714) 761-7300

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

October 1, 2004

Dear Yamaha Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2005 XV250T and TC ("Virago 250") motorcycles, in certain XT225T and TC motorcycles, and in certain YW50T ("Zuma") scooters.

The reason for this recall:

These vehicles are equipped with drum-type rear brakes that use friction material on metal brake shoes to provide the stopping power. In some of the affected vehicles, the friction material could separate from the brake shoes because of an improper adhesive-curing process during manufacture. If such separation occurs during operation, braking ability with the rear wheel will be reduced or lost, which could cause an accident resulting in personal injury or death to the operator, passenger, other motorists, or bystanders.

You should not ride your vehicle until it is modified by a Yamaha dealer.

What Yamaha and your dealer will do:

Your authorized Yamaha dealer will replace the rear brake shoes on your vehicle with new ones. There will be no charge to you for this procedure. The procedure will probably take less than one hour to perform, but your dealer may need to keep your vehicle longer depending upon his schedule.

What you should do now:

Please call your Yamaha dealer to make a service appointment to have this procedure performed. You can ask him how long he expects he will need to keep your vehicle for brake replacement. Remember to take this letter with you when you take in your motorcycle or scooter.

If you are unable to return to the Yamaha dealer who sold you the vehicle, this service will be performed by any authorized Yamaha Motorcycle dealer. For the name of a dealer near you, call 1-800-86-YAMAHA or visit the Yamaha web site at: www.yamaha-motor.com.

If you need help:

If, after contacting your dealership, you have questions or concerns which the dealership is unable to answer, please write to:

Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA
Customer Relations Department
P.O. Box 6555
Cypress CA 90630

If, after contacting Yamaha Customer Relations, you are still not satisfied that we have done our best to remedy the situation without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh St. SW, Washington, DC 20590 or call the Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4326.

If you no longer own this Yamaha:

If you have sold your motorcycle to another party, please call us toll-free at 1-800-227-5963 with the name and address of the new owner, along with the serial number shown above your name on the address label above.

We're sorry to cause you any inconvenience, but we are sincerely concerned about your safety and continued satisfaction with our products. Thank you for giving your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Customer Support Group
Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA