



U.S. Department
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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

400 7th Street, SW

RENATO AIME
DUCATI NORTH AMERICA, INC
10443 BANDLEY DRIVE
CUPERTINO CA 95014

NVS-215
05V-221

Subject: AIR BOX BREATHER HOSE

Dear MR. AIME:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records, as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

DUCATI/ST3/2004
DUCATI/ST4S/2004
DUCATI/ST4S ABS/2004

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-221

Recall Date: May 6, 2005

Components:

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: COOLING SYSTEM: HOSE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 622

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, THE AIR BOX BREATHER HOSE MAY COME IN CONTACT WITH THE HORIZONTAL CYLINDER EXHAUST PIPE.

Consequence:

THIS WILL CREATE A POTENTIAL FIRE HAZARD.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL SHORTEN THE AIR BOX BREATHER HOSE SECURING IT AWAY FROM THE HORIZONTAL CYLINDER EXHAUST PIPE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT DUCATI AT 408-253-0499.

Notes:

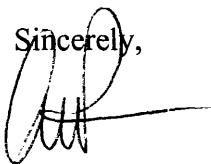
CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6). Also, please provide us with a date of when the manufacturer became aware of the recall.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division