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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215
05V-538

Subject: SWING ARM COMPONENTS

Dear Mr. LARSON:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect 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:
APRILIA/RSV 1000/2004-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-538

Mfg's Report Date: October 31, 2005

Components: SUSPENSION: REAR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 877

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, WHILE IN USE, THE SWING ARM COMPONENT MAY DEVELOP A STRESS FRACTURE OVER AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME.

Consequence:

IF NOT REPLACED THIS WILL INCREASE THE RISK OF PERSONAL INJURIES OR DEATH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE SWING ARM COMPONENT. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT APRILIA AT 770-592-2261.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

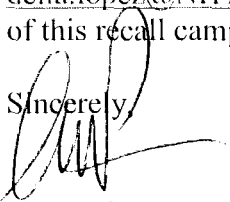
Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the build date range [of vehicles] affected by this recall, and the date of when the manufacturer became aware of the recall.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement