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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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RENATO AIME
SERVICE TEAM AND WARRANTY MANAGER
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ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS NJ 07632

NVS-215paw
06V-485

Subject: FUEL SENDING UNIT WIRING HARNESS

Dear MR. AIME:

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 information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

DUCATI/ST3/2006
DUCATI/ST3 ABS/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-485

Mfg's Report Date: December 11, 2006

Components: FUEL SYSTEM: GASOLINE: DELIVERY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 468

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, THE FUEL SENDING UNIT WIRING CABLES INSTALLED DURING PRODUCTION COULD BE ROUTED INCORRECTLY POSSIBLY COMING IN CONTACT WITH THE EXHAUST PIPES.

Consequence:

THIS CONDITION WILL BURN OUT THE CABLES INSULATION AND CAUSE A POSSIBLE ELECTRICAL SHORT CIRCUIT STOPPING THE FUEL PUMP AND CONSEQUENTLY STOPPING THE ENGINE. IF THE ENGINE STOPS WHILE THE MOTORCYCLE IS BEING DRIVEN, IT COULD INCREASE THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE FUEL SENDING UNIT WIRING CABLES AND REPOSITION THEM IF NECESSARY. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DUCATI AT 1-408-253-0499.

Notes:

DUCATI RECALL NO. RCL-06-003. CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 required 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).

As stated in Part 573.7, 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, owner notification is expected to begin during January 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before April 30, 2007.

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@dot.gov or delia.lopez@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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