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Via Federal Express and Facsimile (202 366 7882)
 Chief Administrator
 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
 Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
 400 Seventh Street, SW
 Washington, DC 20590

**Regarding: 2006 Model Year Yamaha YZFR6
 Air Filter Factory Modification Campaign**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide preliminary information required by 49 CFR 573 and the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act regarding a defect notification campaign we are initiating. We are attaching a current draft of the dealer technical bulletin for informational purposes. We will send under separate cover the owners notification for Agency review/ approval prior to close of business next week. The envelope format has previously been approved by the Agency for prior campaigns.

- 1. Manufacturers Name: Yamaha Motor Company, Ltd.
 2500 Shingai
 Iwata, Japan

- Imported Vehicle Distributor: Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.
 6555 Katella Avenue
 Cypress, California 90630

- 2. Vehicles Affected: Make: Yamaha
 Model: 2006 Model Year
 YZFR6 motorcycles,

- Nominal Engine Displacement: YZFR6 is 600 cc

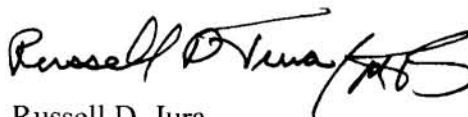
- Production Period: May 2005 – July 2006

3. The campaign relates to the motorcycle's air filter mounting screws.
4. Total number of subject vehicles: Current estimate: 13,000 units. This will be updated in a supplemental report as we finalize the affected VIN range.
5. VIN Range: See tentative range attached in draft Technical Bulletin. Likewise this will be updated in a subsequent report as data is confirmed.
6. The campaign involves the replacement of the air filter assembly and mounting screws. Please refer to the attached draft Technical Bulletin which will be furnished to dealers upon completion describing the situation which is the subject of the campaign.
7. On October 20, 2006, Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. was informed by the manufacturer, Yamaha Motor Company, Ltd., that such a situation exists. This was determined pursuant to a quality control review, testing and a review of foreign models that use a substantially similarly part design.

We anticipate commencing dealer/owner notification shortly after the owner's notification letter is approved by NHTSA, the affected VIN range is ascertained and the Technical Bulletin revised. We anticipate sending the Agency the owner's notification letter for review/approval by 11-3-06. Assuming the Agency can approve the letter within 5 days of receipt (perhaps 11-10-06) we will have the letter and Technical Bulletin printed. Normal turn-around time is 3 working days for such printing. Hence the materials will be ready for mailing approximately 11-17-06. Final copies of these notification documents will be forwarded to the Agency as soon as possible.

In the event we can answer any questions or provide supplemental information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. My direct telephone number is 714-761-7709. The fax number is 714-761-7836. My email is russ_jura@yamaha-motor.com or contact Brad Franklin at 714-761-7842 (telephone), 714-229-7944 (Fax), brad_franklin@yamaha-motor.com (email).

Sincerely,



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Senior Vice President
and General Counsel

RDJ/dlb

Enclosures: Technical Bulletin
Owners Notification

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Mrs. Pat Wallace
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2006 YZF-R6 MODELS FACTORY MODIFICATION CAMPAIGN – AIR FILTER ELEMENT

Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in all 2006 YZF-R6V, VC, SPV, and SPVC (“R6”) model motorcycles. In affected motorcycles, the air filter mounting screws may come loose and fall out. If they do, they could get caught in the throttle valve which could prevent the operator from reducing engine speed properly. This could result in loss of control and a vehicle crash with injury or death.

To correct this defect, Yamaha is initiating a Factory Modification Campaign. Affected motorcycles must have the air filter element replaced with a new one that is designed to hold the screws securely.

Yamaha is notifying all registered owners of affected motorcycles by mail. A copy of this letter is included in this bulletin. The customer should take the letter along with the affected motorcycle to an authorized Yamaha dealer for the modification.

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

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

Motorcycles 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 motorcycles to customers until the procedures in this bulletin are performed.

When the modification on each motorcycle 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).

DEALER ACTION SUMMARY

Unsold Units:

Install the new type filter on all affected units during set-up.

Sold Units:

Replace the air filter on all affected units. A letter is being mailed to all registered customers. A copy of the letter is included in this bulletin. Please contact any customers whose units were registered for warranty after xx/xx/06.

Some customers may have fitted their motorcycles with a GYT-R Performance High Flow Air Filter or an aftermarket filter. These customers should also have the new-style stock filter installed. Should a customer wish to use a filter other than the stock type in the future, you should be certain that it provides a screw-retaining method of equivalent design to this new-style filter before installing it.

Parts:

Yes, order one new style Air Filter Element per unit. See the Parts Information section for instructions for returning any previous style Air Filter Elements or GYT-R air filter you have in dealer stock.

Yamaha is manufacturing the kits for this modification as quickly as possible, but you will not be able to get kits for all customers at once. We are asking you to give priority to customers who plan to use their motorcycles as soon as possible after modification, and appreciate your patience while kits are being manufactured and delivered.

Warranty:

Factory Modification Campaign. See the Warranty Information section of this bulletin. This modification applies to all affected units not previously modified regardless of ownership or warranty status.

Notify Customers:

Yes. You must immediately contact any customer whose motorcycle shows as unregistered on the enclosed report. Yamaha has sent letters to customers whose motorcycles were registered for warranty as of xx/xx/06.

AFFECTED RANGE

YZF-R6V All
YZF-R6VC All
YZF-R6SPV All
YZF-R6SPVC All

SERVICE PROCEDURE

Follow the instructions in the YZF-R6 Service Manual (LIT-11616-19-78) for replacing the air filter element.

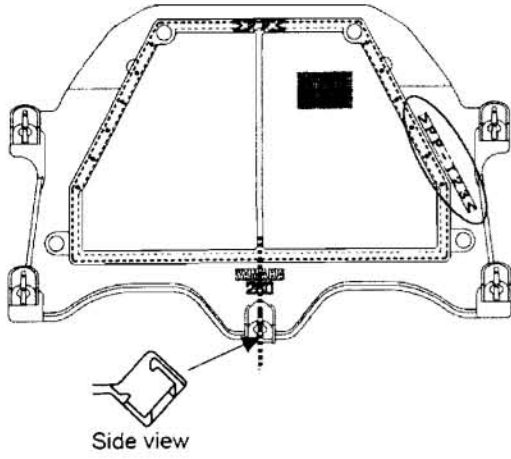
Torque the screws in the new filter to specification.

Tightening Torque: 2.5 Nm (0.25m-kg, 1.8 ft-lb, 22 in-lb)

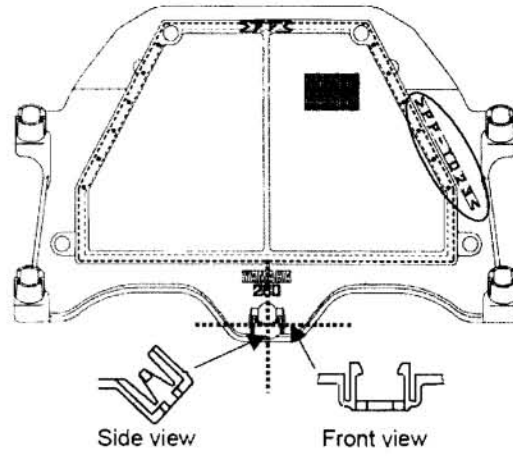
PARTS INFORMATION

Order a new Air Filter Element for each affected unit.

Part Number	Description	Dealer Cost
2C0-14450-01-00	Air Cleaner Element	\$22.70



Previous: 2C0-14450-00-00
Mark: >PP-T23<



New: 2C0-14450-01-00
Mark: >PP-TD23<

GYT-R Filter Information

If you have any GYTR™ Performance High Flow Air Filter Kit (GYT-2C095-01-00) in stock, return it to Yamaha using a Quality Assurance claim.

WARRANTY INFORMATION

The owner of each warranty-registered 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 2006 YZF-R6V, VC, SPV, and SPVC ("R6") motorcycles, 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.

Submit a Recall Request for the air filter replacement as described below using Recall Number **9900xx**. Choose the status "**M**." You will be reimbursed a labor allowance of 0.4 hour, plus the cost of the Air Filter Element and your handling fee.

YDS:

When signed on to YDS, click on the Service Tab, and then "Recall Request-Add." This function will allow you to enter multiple Primary IDs for the same recall. Remember that YDS 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:

[Sample]

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).