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NVS-215paw
07V-176

Subject: TIMING BELT TENSIONER

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/1098/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-176

Mfg's Report Date: March 28, 2007

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:ENGINE:GASOLINE:BELTS AND ASSOCIATED PULLEYS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, THE HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL CYLINDERS MOBILE TIMING BELT TENSIONER IS DIMENSIONALLY INCORRECT.

Consequence:

THE MOBILE TENSIONER CAN COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE TIMING BELT COVER WHICH COULD CAUSE THE TIMING BELT TO FAIL AND CONSEQUENTLY STOP THE ENGINE INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE EXISTING MOBILE TIMING BELT TENSIONER USING UPDATED COMPONENTS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING APRIL 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DUCATI AT 1-408-253-0499.

Notes:

DUCATI RECALL NO. RCL-07-004. 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).

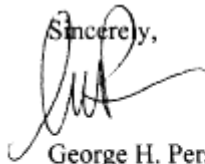
We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

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 April 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before July 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,


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