



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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RENATO AIME  
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95 PARKWAY  
HARRINGTON PARK NJ 07640

NVS-215dgl  
07V-474

Subject: BATTERY FASTENING

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/HYPERMOTARD/2008

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 07V-474

**Mfg's Report Date:** October 8, 2007

**Components:** ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY:CABLES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 385

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, THE BATTERY CAN MOVE SIDE TO SIDE INSIDE THE FUEL TANK MOUNTING COMPARTMENT. THIS MOVEMENT COULD RESULT IN MAIN WIRING HARNESS DAMAGE AT THE BATTERY TERMINAL. THIS CONDITION COULD CAUSE AN ELECTRICAL SHORT CONSEQUENTLY STOPPING THE ENGINE.

**Consequence:**

IF THE ENGINE STOPS WHILE THE MOTORCYCLE IS BEING DRIVEN, IT COULD INCREASE THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSTALL A BATTERY MOUNTING BRACKET AND TWO DOUBLE LOCK VELCRO STRIPS ON THE BOTTOM OF THE BATTERY. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DUCATI MOTORCYCLES AT 1-408-253-0499.

**Notes:**

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 notification letter and it does not quite meet all the requirements of Part 577.

Under the 'Description of Defect' paragraph, do you mean that the "battery can move in its housing located inside the fuel tank mounting compartment" not inside the fuel tank.

Please add a sentence concerning leased vehicles, i.e., "Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days."

Please revise your owner letters to include the following updated NHTSA hotline information: "...the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>."

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

Provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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).

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](mailto:Patricia.wallace@dot.gov), [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@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", written in a cursive style.

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