



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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07V-597

MR. AUSTIN GRAY
NATIONAL SERVICE MANAGER
DUCATI NORTH AMERICA
10443 BANDLEY DR.
CUPERTINO, CA 95014

Subject: NUMBER PLATE HOLDER SUPPORT BRACKET

Dear MR. GRAY:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ducati North America's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below, for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-597

Mfg's Report Date: December 17, 2007

Components: EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 865

Summary:
ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, THE LICENSE NUMBER PLATE HOLDER SUPPORT BRACKET POSTS CAN CRACK.

Consequence:

THE LICENSE PLATE CAN FALL OFF THE MOTORCYCLE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL A REDESIGNED BRACKET FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DUCATI AT 408-253-0499.

Notes:

DUCATI BULLETIN NO. 732. 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).

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

You are required to 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.

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 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).

Please provide us with the beginning build date range of motorcycles affected by this recall.

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, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@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