



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

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*April 4, 2008*

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NVS-215paw  
08E-025

**SUBJECT: ACCESSORY TOP CASE BRACKET**

**DEAR MR. RAYMOND:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Piaggio Group Americas, Inc.'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:**  
MOTO GUZZI/TOP CASE/9999  
MOTO GUZZI/NORGE/2007  
MOTO GUZZI/NORGE/2008

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08E-025

**Mfg's Report Date:** March 18, 2008

**Components:** EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 128

**Summary:**

PIAGGIO IS RECALLING 128 TOP CASES SOLD AS AN MOTO GUZZI ACCESSORY FOR MY 2007 AND 2008 MOTO GUZZI NORGE MOTORCYCLES. THE LOCATING TAB ON THE TOP CASE MOUNTING BRACKET CAN BREAK POSSIBLY ALLOWING THE TOP CASE TO FALL OFF THE MOTORCYCLE.

**Consequence:**

A VEHICLE CRASH COULD OCCUR SHOULD THE TOP CASE FALL FROM THE MOTORCYCLE AND BECOME AN OBSTICAL TO OTHER MOTORISTS.

**Remedy: To be provided****Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

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).

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at [Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@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,



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