



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

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NVS-215paw
08V-148

SUBJECT: BRAKE LINE LEAK

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:
APRILIA/TUONO 1000 R/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-148

Mfg's Report Date: March 19, 2008

Components: SERVICE BRAKES: HYDRAULIC: FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:
HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 10

Summary:
PIAGGIO IS RECALLING 10 MY 2008 APRILIA TUONO 1000 R MOTORCYCLES.
A LEAK CAN OCCUR IN THE FRONT BRAKE HYDRAULIC LINE.

Consequence:
THIS CAN CAUSE A LOSS OF BRAKE PRESSURE AT THE FRONT BRAKES,
INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

THE FRONT BRAKE LINE WILL BE REPLACED ON ALL AFFECTED MOTORCYCLES. ALL MOTORCYCLES ARE STILL IN TRANSIT TO THE UNITED STATES. THESE MOTORCYCLES WILL BE CORRECTED AT THE WAREHOUSE BEFORE BEING SOLD TO CONSUMERS.

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).

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

Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the build date range of vehicles affected by this recall.

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 your report, all motorcycles are still in transit to the United States. These motorcycles will be corrected at the warehouse before being sold to consumers. Therefore, please provide us with one quarterly report when all the motorcycles have been corrected.

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

