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**National Highway
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NVS-215dgl
08V-306

SUBJECT: FUEL PUMP/FUEL FILTER/BITRON SPA

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/2005-2007
APRILIA/TUONO RSV 1000/2005-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-306

Mfg's Report Date: July 8, 2008

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE: DELIVERY: FUEL PUMP

Potential Number of Units Affected: 977

Summary:

PIAGGIO IS RECALLING 977 MY 2005-2007 APRILIA TUONO 100 R AND RSV 1000 MOTORCYCLE MODELS EQUIPPED WITH BITRON SPA FUEL PUMP/FUEL FILTERS. THE FUEL HOSE CONNECTING THE FUEL FILTER TO THE FUEL PUMP/FUEL FILTER MOUNTING FLANGE MAY COME LOOSE. IF THIS FUEL HOSE CONNECTION IS LOOSE, OR HAS BECOME COMPLETELY DISCONNECTED, THEN THERE WILL BE A DROP IN, OR LOSS OF, FUEL PRESSURE TO THE ENGINE.

Consequence:

A DROP IN, OR LOSS OF FUEL PRESSURE TO THE ENGINE, THE ENGINE WOULD STALL INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

BITRON WILL SUPPLY DEALERS REPAIR KITS (LENGTH OF FUEL HOSE AND TWO CLAMPS) AND DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE ORIGINAL PARTS ON THE FUEL PUMP/FUEL FILTER COMPONENT FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JULY 2008. OWNER MAY CONTACT PIAGGIO AT 212-380-4431.

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).

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE08-019, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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

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).

Piaggio must file a sample of the envelope which you intend to use to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY", "RECALL", "NOTICE" in any order must be printed on the envelope in larger font than the customers name and address.

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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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