



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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MR. SHELL BARR
MANAGER (WARRANTY)
TRIUMPH MOTORCYCLES (AMERICA) LIMITED
SUITE 101, WALT SANDERS MEMORIAL DRIVE
NEWNAN CITY GA 30265

NVS-215dgl
08V-457

Subject: BRITTLE BOLTS/PHIL HOLDEN FASTENERS

Dear MR. BARR:

This letter serves to acknowledge Triumph Motorcycles (America) Limited'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:
TRIUMPH/SPRINT ST 1050/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-457

Mfg's Report Date: September 9, 2008

Components: SUSPENSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 372

Summary:

TRIUMPH IS RECALLING 372 MY 2008 SPRINT ST MOTORCYCLES. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE SINGLE BOLT THAT IS USED IN THE 3 POSITIONS ON THE REAR SUSPENSION DRAG LINK ASSEMBLY CAN BECOME BRITTLE AND FRACTURE. THE BOLTS INVOLVED ARE THE (1) DRAG LINK TO DROP LINK BOLT, (2) DRAG LINK TO FRAME BOLT, AND (3) DROP LINK TO REAR SUSPENSION UNIT BOLT.

Consequence:

THE HEAD OF THE BOLT MAY DETACH CAUSING THE DRAG LINK ASSEMBLY TO COME APART RESULTING IN LOSS OF REAR SUSPENSION, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REMOVE AND DISCARD THE BOLTS AND REPLACE THEM WITH NEW BOLTS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING NOVEMBER 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT TRIUMPH AT 1-678-539-8782.

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.

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 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,



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