



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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MR. CHARLES SMART  
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT (WARRANTY)  
TRIUMPH MOTORCYCLES (AMERICA) LIMITED  
WALT SANDERS MEMORIAL DRIVE, SUITE 101  
NEWNAN CITY, GA 30265

NVS-215paw  
08V-624

SUBJECT: FRONT BRAKE CALIPER BOLT

DEAR MR. SMART:

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/THRUXTON/2008-2009

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08V-624

**Mfg's Report Date:** November 21, 2008

**Components:** SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC: FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:  
DISC; CALIPERS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 87

**Summary:**  
TRIUMPH IS RECALLING 87 MY 2008-2009 THRUXTON MOTORCYCLES. THE  
INSTALLED FRONT BRAKE CALIPER BRACKET BOLTS MAY BE TOO SHORT,  
REDUCING THREAD ENGAGEMENT OF THE BOLTS INTO THE BRAKE  
CALIPER BRACKET.

**Consequence:**

THE BRAKE CALIPER MAY BECOME LOOSE OR SEPARATED RESULTING IN REDUCED BRAKE EFFECTIVENESS, LOSS CONTROL OF THE MOTORCYCLE, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

TRIUMPH WILL REPLACE THESE BOLTS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING DECEMBER 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](mailto:Patricia.wallace@dot.gov), [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'GP' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

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