

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

On March 14, 2008, Moto Guzzi S.p.a., Mandello del Lario, NC, Italy decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exits in the motor vehicle accessory listed below, and Moto Guzzi's designated agent Piaggio Group Americas, Inc. New York, NY, is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

The mounting bracket to attach the accessory top case to the motorcycle, as designed for the 2007 and 2008 model year Moto Guzzi Norge. This mounting bracket and the top case are not sold separately, but under one of six part numbers. The mounting bracket is identical in all cases, the different part numbers identifying top cases of different colors. The six part numbers are as follows:

GU977705F2	top case, color "Grey"	977705F2	top case color, "Grey"
GU977705Y01	top case, color "Red"	977705Y01	top case, color "Red"
GU977705ND	top case, color "Black Norge"	977705ND	top case, color "Black Norge"

Date this report was prepared: March 18, 2008

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): Code not yet issued.

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Piaggio Group Americas, Inc.
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New York, New York 10017

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Pat Raymond, Director Aftersales, Piaggio Group America, Inc.

Signed:

I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall: NA

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:

The part to be recalled is an accessory sold independent of the motorcycle. The part in question is the mounting bracket that is attached to the motorcycle and to which the accessory top case is attached. The top case and the mounting bracket are sold under three part numbers, the individual part numbers identifying top cases of different colors. The mounting bracket is the same in each case.

Make(s): NA **Model Years Involved:** **Model(s):** NA

Production Dates: NA **Beginning:** **Ending:** NA

VIN Range: **Beginning:** _NA_____ **Ending:** _NA_____

Vehicle Type: NA **Bodystyle:** NA

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): **Model Years Involved:** **Model(s):** NA

Production Dates: **Beginning:** **Ending:** NA

VIN Range: **Beginning:** _____NA_____ **Ending:** _____NA_____

Vehicle Type: **Bodystyle:** NA

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): **Model Years Involved:** **Model(s):** NA

Production Dates: **Beginning:** **Ending:** NA

VIN Range: **Beginning:** _____NA_____ **Ending:** _____NA_____

Vehicle Type: **Bodystyle:** NA

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall: NA

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture

provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Widgets equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Widgets of all Widgets manufactured during that time period. NA

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

The recall involves the motorcycle top case mounting bracket, not original equipment, rather sold as an accessory, for the Moto Guzzi Norge. This recall does not involve the motorcycle itself. While there are a number of top cases, with the installation bracket, installed on the Norge model Moto Guzzi, these accessories were sold by the retail dealer. As such there is no specific VIN list from which to contact owners.

Number of Vehicles: The number of top cases with mounting brackets sold by Piaggio Group Americas, Inc. to dealers is 128 pieces. There are another 70 pieces remaining in Piaggio Group Americas spare parts inventory. Piaggio Group Americas, Inc. will be contacting the dealers that purchased this accessory advising them not to sell the top case and to notify their customers to remove the top case from their motorcycle and not to ride their motorcycle with the top case installed. In addition PGA will block the sale of the top case with mounting bracket until the replacement parts are obtained and substituted.

Model Year Potentially Involved: NA

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: All 198 individual examples mounting bracket that are included with the top case accessory are affected.

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: NA

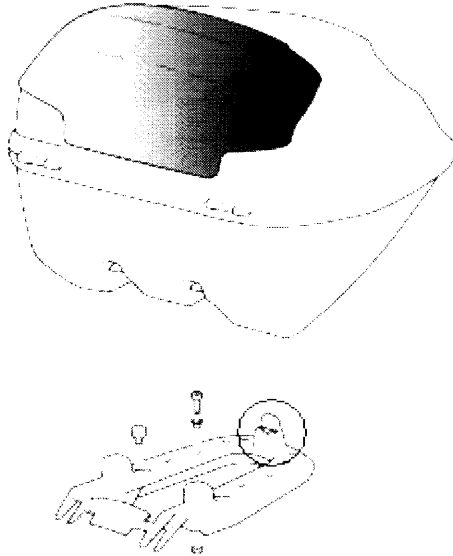
Identify and describe how the recall population was determined--in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles: As this recall affects an accessory and not the motorcycle itself, the recall population was determined by the number of the accessories sold to the retail dealers and the number of the accessory remaining PGA spare parts stock.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate. In installing the top case accessory for the Moto Guzzi Norge, there is a mounting bracket that attaches to the motorcycle itself, with the top case attaching to this mounting bracket. With Moto Guzzi the mounting bracket is sold

together with the top case as one part, with one part number. The top case is available in three different colors and the part number varies with the color of the top case.

It was determined that the locating tab (see circled part in illustration below) can break. As this locating tab secures the top case to the mounting bracket, its failure allows the top case to loosen on the mounting bracket. The top case coming entirely off of the mounting bracket is a possibility.



Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition. The locating tab on the top case mounting bracket can break.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition. The top case can loosen on the mounting bracket. In the worse case the top case may come free of the mounting bracket and as such the motorcycle.

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur. The rider may feel a vibration when the top case loosens on it mounting bracket.

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address. NA

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier: NA

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

On March 7, 2008, during a visit to the Moto Guzzi facility in Mandello del Lario, Italy, it was mentioned that a recall for the top case mounting bracket for the Norge model would be announced. However, it was indicated that the recall only affected vehicles sold in Canada. Upon returning to the US and further discussing the details of the recall, it was determined that the part in question (the top case with mounting bracket) was sold only by the retail dealer as an accessory in Canada and was not as a standard equipment part installed at the factory. It was at this time (March 13, 2008) that it was determined that the same accessory was sold in the US and that the recall would be in effect in the US as well as Canada.

To date we only have one instance where a dealer contacted PGA regarding the top case of a Norge coming loose. PGA is working to confirm additional details on this report.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined. PGA was notified by Moto Guzzi in Italy of the initiation of this recall.

V. Identify the Remedy

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy. NA.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly. NA

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state. NA

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

PGA is currently waiting on details from Moto Guzzi in Italy of how the top case mounting brackets affected by this recall will be handled.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. A *DRAFT copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing.*

To follow.

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 573.8 requirements.

The Privacy Act of 1974 - Public Law 93-579, As Amended: *This information is requested pursuant to the authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response maybe used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administration enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.*