

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

On July 1, 2008, Moto Guzzi, Italy decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the motor vehicle(s) listed below, and Moto Guzzi's designated agent Moto Guzzi USA / 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.

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2007 - 2008 model year Moto Guzzi Norge 1200 models

Date this report was prepared: July 8, 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.

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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:



1. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall: Moto Guzzi Norge 1200 model.

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:

Make(s): Moto Guzzi

Model Years Involved: 2007 - 2008

Model(s): Norge 1200 model.

Production Dates: Beginning: October 2006

Ending: May, 26, 2008

VIN Range: Beginning: ZGULPU0007M112345

Ending: ZGULPU00X8M114346

Vehicle Type: Motorcycle

Bodystyle: Motorcycle

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall: There are no characteristics that make such a distinction.

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? 100%

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

Number of Vehicles: Approximately 646

Model Year Potentially Involved: 2007 - 2008

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 646

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 100%

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: With regards to the supplier of the headlight, low beam, bulb, and the installation of this bulb in the headlight reflector, all examples of the Norge 1200 within the stated production date range were built in the same manner. As a result, all examples within stated model year and VIN range are included in the recall.

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. The concern of this recall is the possibility, over time and usage, of the power wire to the headlight low beam bulb shorting out against the hardware that secures the headlight bulb in the low beam reflector. The power wire to the headlight low beam may contact and rub against this hardware and over time and with use this contact could eventually wear through the insulation, allowing bare wires to contact and short out against the hardware. This short to ground blows the main fuse for the motorcycle, all electrical power stops and the engine stalls. The headlight low beam lights are located in the front of the motorcycle fairing, covered with, but accessible through, a fairing trim panel.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition. The headlight low beam bulb has a "pigtail" wire attached to it. This wire connects the low beam bulb to the motorcycle's wiring harness. In the production of this component, the angle that the wire leaves the bulb varies. Depending on this angle, the wire may touch the hardware used to secure the bulb in the reflector. Over time and with the vibration that comes through the use of the motorcycle, the power wire, in touching the hardware, may wear through the insulation causing a direct short to ground. This short causes the motorcycle's main fuse to blow and all electrical power to the motorcycle to stop.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition. Electrical power to the motorcycle is cut off and as a result, the engine stalls.

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur. There is no warning that the main fuse will blow in this manner.

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

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Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier: Mr. Roberto Ronco, Sales Manager, Mr. Andrea De Caroli, Quality Control Manager.

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. With the request for information resulting

from PE 08-019 together with a review of warranty claims and product reports, Moto Guzzi, Italy contacted the headlight bulb supplier for analysis and probable cause. Subsequently the supplier identified and confirmed the problem to be caused by the friction and the subsequent wearing through of the wire that connects the bulb to the main wiring harness. This wearing through to bare wires allowed this wire to contact the hardware that secures the bulb to the reflector. This short circuit blows the main fuse and stalls the engine. Together, the supplier and Moto Guzzi are supplying a repair kit consisting of a new bulb that incorporates additional protection around the wire.

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. NA

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. The supplier will provide a new bulb with extra protection around the power wire. This protection sheath will fit over existing insulation and provide greater protection against the possibility of vibration wearing through to expose the bare wires. In addition, as part of the installation of the new bulb is the instruction to locate the wire under the spring clip that secures the light bulb to the reflector. Securing the wire in this manner prevents the movement caused by the vibration of the engine and eliminates the wear to the insulation that may otherwise occur.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly. The remedy component carries a new part number in order to distinguish the replacement part during the parts ordering process. In addition, the remedy component can be visually identified by the sheath surrounding the wire.

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. Future production of this model for the US market will incorporate a different wiring layout to the front headlights.

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. Moto Guzzi USA is currently tracking the availability of replacement parts to address this recall to ensure an adequate replacement parts supply to support the initiation of this recall. As many of the affected VINs have been in the market for sometime, Moto Guzzi USA will be using the services of R. L. Polk to determine the most accurate information regarding the current owner's name and address. Moto Guzzi USA is currently in the process of finalizing the contractual agreement with R. L. Polk for this purpose. Finalizing the contract will determine the date on which the availability of consumer names and address will be available and, as such, the mailing date of the notification letter.

The draft of the consumer notification letter will be provided to NHTSA for approval by July 31, 2008 as will a DRAFT of the dealer notification and Service Bulletin.

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. Copies of these notices, bulletins and communications will be provided.

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.