



CUSTOMER LETTER

September 10, 2008

Dear Aprilia Owner:

RE: IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR APRILIA RSV 1000 AND TUONO 1000 MOTORCYCLES

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. The identification number of this recall is 08V-306.

REASON FOR THIS RECALL

Aprilia USA has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the Aprilia motorcycle model and model years noted below:

- 2005 – 2007 Aprilia RSV 1000
- 2005 – 2007 Aprilia Tuono 1000

The fuel hose connecting the fuel filter with the fuel pump mounting plate may come loose. A loose fitting of this fuel hose to either the fuel filter or the fuel pump mounting plate will cause a reduction in, or loss of, fuel pressure to the engine. This reduction or loss of fuel pressure may cause difficulty in starting the motorcycle, or if already started and running, inconsistent running and possible stalling of the engine. Under certain circumstances these conditions could result in a crash, personal injury or death. These components are located inside the fuel tank of these motorcycles so no visible indicators of these leaks will be apparent to the owner/rider.

Aprilia USA has identified the VIN range of the RSV and Tuono models where the replacement of the fuel hose and fuel hose clamps is required. According to vehicle registration records, you are the owner of an Aprilia motorcycle that falls within this VIN range.

WHAT WE WILL DO

To address this situation, Aprilia USA will conduct a voluntary recall of all 2005 – 2007 Aprilia RSV 1000 and Tuono 1000 motorcycles within the affected VIN range. Aprilia USA, through the authorized Aprilia dealer network will replace the section of fuel hose and the clamps for this section of fuel hose, to eliminate any potential for safety risk as a result of the reduction or loss of fuel pressure from the connection points of this hose to either the fuel filter or the fuel pump mounting plate.

The work required of this recall may be completed by any authorized Aprilia Motorcycle dealer at no charge to you for the required parts or labor. The repair will take approximately 2.0 hours.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

With the receipt of this letter, please contact your authorized Aprilia Motorcycle dealer to arrange for an appointment to have the described vehicle updates completed. Instructions for replacing the fuel hose and clamps have been sent to your dealer and the parts are available. Your dealer is best equipped to obtain parts and provide service to ensure that your vehicle is corrected as promptly as possible.



If, however, you take your vehicle to your dealer on the agreed service date, and they do not remedy this condition on that date or within three (3) days, we recommend you contact Aprilia Customer Care by calling (212) 380 4400, option #4.

After contacting your dealer and the above number, if you are still not able to have the safety defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave, SE, Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

In the event that you have sold this vehicle or the vehicle is no longer in your possession, please complete and return the enclosed postage prepaid reply card to notify us of any change of ownership card.

If you previously had the work required of this recall completed at your own expense, please refer to the attached letter describing the criteria and procedure to request reimbursement.

We are sorry to cause this inconvenience; however, we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and continued satisfaction with our products. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Aprilia USA.

REPAIR PROCEDURE

- Completely drain fuel tank.
- Remove the seat
 - Remove the right and left side body panels



CAUTION
FUEL VAPOURS ARE FLAMMABLE AND HARMFUL IF INHALED. CARRY OUT THIS OPERATION IN A SUITABLE ENVIRONMENT AND USING SUITABLE PROTECTIONS



- Remove the two front screws from tank



- Remove through bolt at rear of tank



- Disconnect the fuel pump connector.
- Lift the fuel tank and tilt it to the left, paying attention not to force the fuel lines and supporting the tank



CAUTION
PAY ATTENTION NOT TO DAMAGE AND/OR
SCRATCH THE TANK PAINT



- Remove the 8 retaining screws from fuel pump flange



- Slide out the complete pump assembly from tank.



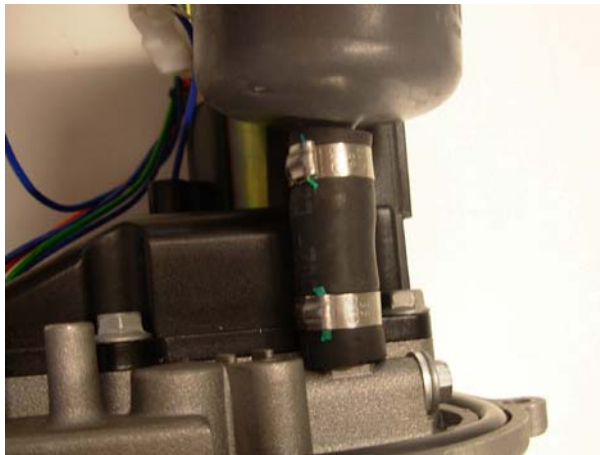
CAUTION
AFTER REMOVING THE PUMP ASSEMBLY,
THE TANK HAS NO RETAINER. PAY
ATTENTION NOT TO DROP IT.



- Leaving the pump connected to fuel lines, release the two click clamps fastening the fuel hose between the mounting flange and the fuel filter. Discard old hose.



CAUTION
THE CLICK CLAMPS YOU REMOVED CAN NOT BE REUSED AND SHALL BE RENEWED WITH THE NEW ONES SUPPLIED WITH THE KIT.



- Install the new fuel line AP8144476 with two new click clamps 890435.
- Refit the pump to tank, tighten screws finger tight and then tighten them in a cross pattern

TIGHTENING TORQUE 6 Nm

- Reassemble vehicle parts following the removal procedure in the reverse order

