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**National Highway
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Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
09V-034

SUBJECT: FUEL SYSTEM CARBURETOR

DEAR MR. RAYMOND:

This letter serves to acknowledge Piaggio Group Americas, Inc.'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:

APRILIA/SCARABEO 200/2008-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-034

Mfg's Report Date: January 20, 2008

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE: CARBURETOR SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,260

Summary:

PIAGGIO IS RECALLING 1,260 MY 2008-2009 APRILIA SCARABEO 200 MOTORCYCLES. THE FLOAT LEVEL IN THE FLOAT BOWL OF THE CARBURETOR WAS NOT SET CORRECTLY IN PRODUCTION, DIRT AND THE VARNISH RESIDUE OF DRIED GASOLINE NOT ALLOWING THE FLOAT NEEDLE TO SEAT CORRECTLY, AND A BLOCKAGE OF THE EVAPORATIVE EMISSION HOSES THAT DID NOT ALLOW THE FLOAT BOWL TO VENT CORRECTLY. THE CARBURETOR WAS NOT ABLE TO MAINTAIN CORRECT OR CONSTANT PRESSURE IN THE FLOAT BOWL. INCONSISTENT PRESSURE IN THE FLOAT BOWL WOULD EITHER PUSH TOO MUCH OR NOT ENOUGH FUEL TO AND THROUGH THE JETS FOR ANY ONE THROTTLE POSITION WHICH DOES NOT ALLOW THE CARBURETOR TO CORRECTLY METER FUEL TO THE ENGINE.

Consequence:

THE ENGINE MAY FLOOD WITH FUEL CAUSING DIFFICULTY IN STARTING AND POOR PERFORMANCE. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE FOR FUEL TO LEAK FROM THE CARBURETOR ONTO THE GROUND. FUEL LEAKAGE, IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE, COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL RE-CONNECT THE HOSES TO ELIMINATE THE CONNECTION OF THE EMISSIONS SYSTEM TO THE CARBURETOR. THIS REMEDY IS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING FEBRUARY 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT PIAGGIO AT 1-212-380-4431.

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:

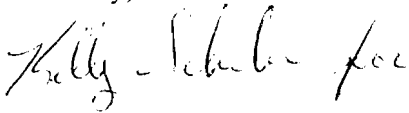
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification 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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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 Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525 or by email at 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George H. Person". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "George" being the most prominent.

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