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

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Washington, DC 20590

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NVS-215dgl
09V-142

Subject: MAIN WIRING HARNESS

Dear MR. LAFORTE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ducati Motorcycles of North 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 Federal law.

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:
DUCATI/MONSTER 696/2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-142 **Mfg's Report Date:** March 23, 2009

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:WIRING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,755

Summary:
DUCATI IS RECALLING 1,755 MY 2009 MONSTER 696 MOTORCYCLES. THE MAIN WIRING HARNESS MAY COME IN CONTACT WITH THE VERTICAL CYLINDER HEAD AND EXHAUST PIPE POSSIBLY RESULTING IN DAMAGE TO THE MOTORCYCLE AND A POTENTIAL HAZARD TO THE RIDER.

Consequence:
ANY DAMAGE TO THE HARNESS MAY LEAD TO LOSS OF FUNCTIONALITY OF THE MOTORCYCLE'S LIGHTING SYSTEM OR AN UNEXPECTED LOSS OF ENGINE PERFORMANCE, AND THEREBY INCREASE THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:
DEALERS WILL CHECK FOR INTERFERENCE BETWEEN THE MAIN WIRING HARNESS AND THE VERTICAL CYLINDER HEAD AND EXHAUST PIPE. DEALERS WILL REPOSITION AND FASTEN THE MAIN WIRING HARNESS TO THE FRAME FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MAY 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DUCATI AT 800-231-6696.

Notes:
DUCATI RECALL NO. RCL-09-001. 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.

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

> 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.
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> 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 contact 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,

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