



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

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MS. JESSICA BURKE
AFTERSALES ADMINISTRATOR &
COMPLIANCE REPORTING
PIAGGIO GROUP AMERICAS, INC.
140 45th STREET, 17TH FLOOR
NEW YORK, NY 10017

NVS-215dgl
09V-188

SUBJECT: FUEL HOSE CONNECTION

DEAR MS. BURKE:

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 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:

PIAGGIO/BV 500/2006-2008
PIAGGIO/X9 500/2005-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-188

Mfg's Report Date: May 20, 2009

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER: DELIVERY: HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,428

Summary:

PIAGGIO IS RECALLING 2,428 MY 2006-2008 BV 500 AND MY 2005-2007 X9 500 SCOOTERS. THE FUEL HOSE CONNECTING THE FUEL FILTER TO THE FUEL PUMP MAY COME LOOSE. IF THIS FUEL HOSE CONNECTION IS LOOSE, OR HAS BECOME COMPLETELY DISCONNECTED, THEN THERE WILL BE A DROP IN, OR LOSS OF, FUEL PRESSURE TO THE ENGINE.

Consequence:

LOSS OF FUEL PRESSURE AND ENGINE STALLING WILL INCREASE THE RISK OF A CRASH. A FUEL LEAK CAN ALSO RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE LENGTH OF FUEL HOSE CONNECTING THE FUEL PUMP TO THE FUEL FILTER FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE JUNE 15, 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT PIAGGIO AT 1-212-380-4400.

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).

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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