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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
09V-197

SUBJECT: STRESS CRACKS/RIGHT FORK AXLE MOUNT

DEAR MR. LAFORTE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ducati North America, Inc.'s (Ducati) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect for the motorcycles listed below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal laws.

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/1098R/2009
DUCATI/1198S/2009
DUCATI/F1098S/2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-197 **Mfg's Report Date:** May 28, 2009

Components: STRUCTURE:FRAME AND MEMBERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 732

Summary:

DUCATI IS RECALLING 732 MODEL YEAR 2009 1198 S, 1098 R, AND F1098 S STREETFIGHTER MOTORCYCLES. THE RIGHT FORK MAY HAVE POSSIBLE CRACKING A DEFORMATION AT THE RIGHT-HAND SIDE FORK BOTTOM WHEEL AXLE PINCH BOLT AREA.

Consequence:

CRACKING OF THE FORK MAY LEAD TO A LOSS OF STEERING CONTROL, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

DUCATI WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIR THE AFFECTED MOTORCYCLES FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JUNE 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DUCATI TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-231-6696.

Notes:

DUCTAI'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NO. RCL-09-004. CUSTOMERS MAY 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. except for the following:

We have questions about the remedy plan including the proposed inspection procedure and the reason for the inspection. We will be in touch with you about that.

We have received Ducati's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please remember that copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall and that are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), must be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent.

Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the build date range of the motorcycles affected by this recall.

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 Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@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 "G. Person". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a long, sweeping underline.

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