



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

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MR. CHARLER SMART
HEAD OF DEPARTMENT, WARRANTY
TRIUMPH MOTORCYCLES AMERICA LIMITED
385 WALT SANDERS MEMORIAL DRIVE SUITE 100
NEWNAN, GA 30265

NVS-215kjs
09V-378

SUBJECT: REAR SUSPENSION DRAG LINK FRACTURE

DEAR MR. SMART:

This letter serves to acknowledge Triumph Motorcycles America Limited (Triumph) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the vehicles described below for which a safety recall campaign will 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:

TRIUMPH/SPRINT ST 1050/2005-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-378

Mfg's Report Date: September 29, 2009

Components: SUSPENSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,849

Summary:

TRIUMPH IS RECALL CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2005 THROUGH 2009 SPRINT ST 1050 MOTORCYCLES MANUFACTURED FROM NOVEMBER 4, 2004 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2009. THE REAR SUSPENSION DRAG LINK ASSEMBLY IN THESE MOTORCYCLES CAN FRACTURE DUE TO CORROSION.

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF A FRACTURE, PART OF THE SUSPENSION WILL DROP CAUSING THE REAR TIRE MUDGUARD TO CONTACT THE REAR TIRE, WHICH COULD CAUSE A CRASH.

Remedy:

TRIUMPH WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIR THE MOTORCYCLES FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT TRIUMPH AT 1-678-539-8777.

Notes:

TRIUMPH'S RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS SB 403. 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.

We have received Triumph'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. 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 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,



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