



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

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NVS-215dgl
09V-381

SUBJECT: FUEL PUMP HOSE CLAMP

DEAR MR. LAFORTE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ducati North America'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/1098R/2009
DUCATI/1198S/2009
DUCATI/F1098 STREETFIGHTER/2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-381

Mfg's Report Date: September 24, 2009

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER: DELIVERY: FUEL PUMP

Potential Number of Units Affected: 753

Summary:

DUCATI IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009-2010 MOTORCYCLES. THE FUEL HOSE MAY BECOME DISCONNECTED FROM THE FUEL PUMP WHICH COULD RESULT IN ENGINE STALLING AND A FUEL LEAK.

Consequence:

STALLING CAN CAUSE A CRASH AND A FUEL LEAK CAN RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND IF REQUIRED REPLACE AND REPOSITION THE FUEL HOSE RETAINING CLAMP FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DUCATI AT 800-231-6696.

Notes:

OWNERS 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 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:

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 toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

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

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