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US Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Smith:

The following information is submitted in accordance with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's defect reporting regulations, 49 CFR Part 573.6.

MV Agusta Motor S.p.A has decided that a defect affecting motor vehicle safety exists on certain model year 2010 F4 model vehicles.

IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES POTENTIALLY CONTAINING THE DEFECT:
This recall involves 66 model year 2010 F4 vehicles, built 2/10/2010 through 4/19/2010. This recall covers the subject motorcycle population in its entirety.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT:
The subject motorcycles are equipped with an air filter frame, P/N 8000B4061, which may lift out of position, allowing intake air to bypass the filter. If this occurs, debris may enter the throttle body assembly and interfere with proper throttle operation, increasing the risk of a crash.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS:
On 4/30/10, Harley-Davidson's Recall Investigation Committee (RIC) received a report from MV Agusta Motor in Varese, Italy regarding an incident that occurred in the UK. According to the report, a journalist who was riding a bike on a track stated that, as he approached a corner, he closed the throttle control but found that the throttle did not close completely. No crash occurred. As a result of this notice, the RIC initiated an investigation and analysis of this issue.

On 4/30/10, inspection of a distributor-owned demo motorcycle, and of a customer owned motorcycle in for service found that both had a disengagement of an air filter frame retention clip, and debris in the airbox, although neither of these bikes had been reported to have experienced any throttle control issues.

Subsequent investigation on 5/6/10 by MV Augusta of the bike from the UK revealed that a plastic clip holding the air filter frame (P/N 8000B4061) in position had become disengaged. This allowed the air filter to lift out of position enabling intake air to bypass the filter. There was debris (small pebbles) found in the airbox, and physical evidence that some of this debris had been trapped between the edge of the throttle plate and the throttle-body bore in one of the intake tracts, which apparently prevented the throttle plate from closing completely.

Inspection of vehicles at the MV Agusta Motor factory at various points in the assembly process found several vehicles with these clips not fastened. It appears that during the rolls test, the vibration of operating the motorcycle may have caused the clips to disengage.

A search of existing warranty data and customer complaint data as of 6/10/10, disclosed no similar incidents. We are not aware of any crashes or injuries related to this issue.

Two changes have been implemented in the production process to address this issue. First, the depth of engagement of the retention clip on the air filter frame was increased. Second, towers were added to the frame so that even absent clip engagement, the airbox cover will hold the frame down and prevent the filter from lifting out of position. Subsequent testing showed these changes to be effective.

On 6/8/10, upon review of the results of the RIC's investigation and analysis, Harley-Davidson's executive management made its determination that a safety related defect existed in the subject population and declared a recall to remedy the issue.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROGRAM TO REMEDY THE DEFECT:

MV Agusta Motor dealers will remove all foreign material from the air filter box and throttle body assembly and replace the original air filter frame with the upgraded frame (P/N 8000B5157) supplied in the recall kit. This upgraded air filter frame maintains the air filter in its correct position during normal vehicle use.

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MV AGUSTA MOTOR PRE-NOTIFICATION REMEDY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 577.11(e), MV Agusta Motor requests that it be exempt from providing notification of a reimbursement plan. All of the affected vehicles are covered by MV Agusta

Motor's consumer warranty. Accordingly, no person would be eligible for reimbursement pursuant to § 573.13.

DEALER AND OWNER NOTIFICATION:

MV Agusta Motor expects to notify its dealer network on or before the week of June 21, 2010 and the motorcycle owners on or before the week of June 28, 2010.

PART 577 NOTICE LETTER:

A draft of the owner notification letter is attached.

Please advise the undersigned of the campaign number assigned by ODI to this recall.

Sincerely,



Roger Roeszler
On behalf of MV Agusta Motor S.p.A.
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