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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
11V-020

SUBJECT: FUEL TANK LEAK

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/MTS 1000/2003-2006
DUCATI/MTS 1100/2007-2009
DUCATI/MTS 620/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-020

Mfg's Report Date: January 21, 2011

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE: STORAGE: TANK ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,911

Summary:

DUCATI IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2006 MULTISTRADA 620, MODEL YEAR 2003-2006, MULTISTRADA 1000, AND MODEL YEAR 2007-2009, MULTISTRADA 1100 MOTORCYCLES. FUEL LEAKAGE CAN OCCUR AT THE FUEL TANK PUMP FLANGE SEAL.

Consequence:

FUEL LEAKAGE, IN THE PRESENCE OF AN IGNITION SOURCE, COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE FUEL PUMP O-RING WITH AN UPDATED PART FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DUCATI AT 800-231-6696.

Notes:

DUCATI SAFETY RECALL NO. RCL-10-005. 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 minimum requirements of 49 CFR 573.6, for an initial report. However, you must provide the additional information required by that section when it becomes available.

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE10-045, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:


You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please note that you are expected to notify your owners of this safety defect no later than 60 days from the date of the filing of your defect information report.

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 toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement