



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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NVS-215kjs  
11V-300

**SUBJECT: HANDLEBAR CLAMPS**

**DEAR MS. MADER:**

This letter serves to acknowledge KTM North America, Inc.'s (KTM) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

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:**

HUSABERG/FS 570/2011  
HUSABERG/FE 570S/2011  
KTM/450 EXC/2011  
KTM/530 EXC/2011  
KTM/690 ENDURO R/2010-2011

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 11V-300      **Mfg's Report Date:** May 10, 2011

**Components:** STEERING: WHEEL AND HANDLE BAR

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,228

**Summary:**

KTM IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 AND 2011 MOTORCYCLES MANUFACTURED FROM NOVEMBER 2009 THROUGH NOVEMBER 23, 2010. DUE TO IMPROPER HEAT TREATMENT, THE HANDLEBAR CLAMPS CAN DEVELOP CRACKS, ALLOWING THE HANDLEBAR TO MOVE FROM ITS SET POSITION.

**Consequence:**

UNEXPECTED MOVEMENT OF THE HANDLEBAR MAY CAUSE THE DRIVER TO CRASH, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN INJURY OR DEATH TO THE RIDER OR OTHERS.

**Remedy:**

AUTHORIZED KTM DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE DEFECTIVE CLAMPS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JUNE 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KTM CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-888-985-6090 FOR ASSISTANCE.

**Notes:**

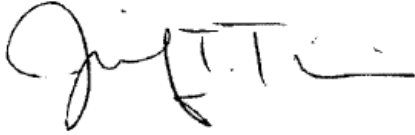
CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV).

We have received KTM'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. 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 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports 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](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for the 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