



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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MR. BRAD FRANKLIN
MANAGER, GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
YAMAHA MOTOR CORPORATION, INC.
6555 KATELLA AVENUE
CYPRESS, CA 90630

NVS-215dgl
11V-340

SUBJECT: FRONT BRAKE LIGHT SWITCH

DEAR MR. FRANKLIN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Yamaha Motor Corporation, Inc.'s (Yamaha) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the motorcycles 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:
YAMAHA/FJR1300/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-340

Mfg's Report Date: June 24, 2011

Components: EXTERIOR LIGHTING: BRAKE LIGHTS: SWITCH

Potential Number of Units Affected: 260

Summary:

YAMAHA IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 FJR1300 MOTORCYCLES MANUFACTURED FROM JANUARY 2011 THROUGH APRIL 2011. THE BRAKE LIGHT MAY NOT ILLUMINATE WHEN THE FRONT BRAKE LEVER IS APPLIED BECAUSE THE ACTIVATING MECHANISM IN THE FRONT BRAKE SWITCH CAN BIND.

Consequence:

WHEN THE MOTORCYCLE OPERATOR APPLIES ONLY THE FRONT BRAKE, THE BRAKE LIGHT MAY NOT COME ON TO ALERT OTHER DRIVERS, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

YAMAHA DEALERS WILL INSTALL A NEW FRONT BRAKE SWITCH FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JULY 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT YAMAHA AT 1-800-962-7926.

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).

Your report did not include a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the defect determination. Please provide a chronology in accordance with 49 CFR 573.6, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt, that served as the basis for your defect decision.

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

We have received your 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 Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, 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 written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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