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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs
11V-413

SUBJECT: SIDE STAND

DEAR MR. LAFORTE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ducati North America's (Ducati) 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:

DUCATI/DIAVEL/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-413

Mfg's Report Date: August 12, 2011

Components: STRUCTURE:MOTORCYCLE KICKSTAND/CENTER STAND

Potential Number of Units Affected: 919

Summary:

DUCATI IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 DIAVEL MOTORCYCLES MANUFACTURED FROM MAY 18, 2010, THROUGH JUNE 13, 2011. THE SIDE STAND WAS MANUFACTURED WITH INSUFFICIENT MATERIAL IN THE PIVOT AREA.

Consequence:

THIS COULD RESULT IN THE POSSIBLE BENDING AND BREAKAGE OF THE SIDE STAND IN THE PIVOT AREA ALLOWING THE MOTORCYCLE TO FALL OVER POSSIBLY RESULTING IN INJURY TO THE RIDER OR OTHERS NEAR THE MOTORCYCLE.

Remedy:

DUCATI WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND AUTHORIZED DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE SIDE STAND AND PIVOT BOLT FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING AUGUST 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DUCATI AT 1-800-231-6696 OR GO TO THEIR WEBSITE AT WWW.DUCATI.COM.

Notes:

DUCATI'S SAFETY RECALL NUMBER IS RCL-11-003. 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 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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

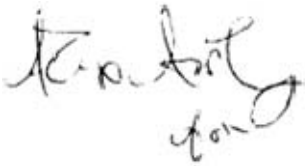
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.6 (c) (6), a Defect Information Report must contain a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the defect determination, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. This information was not included in your Defect Information Report. Please submit this missing information to the Recall Management Department as soon as possible.

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 Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at 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 "Ric Willard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Ric Willard
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement