



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

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NVS-215dgl  
11V-603

**SUBJECT: IGNITION CONTROL UNIT REPLACEMENT**

**DEAR MR. LARSON:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Piaggio Group Americas, Inc.'s (Piaggio) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a 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:**

PIAGGIO/FLY 50/2011-2012  
PIAGGIO/VESPA LX50/2010-2012  
PIAGGIO/VESPA S50/2009-2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 11V-603

**Mfg's Report Date:** December 19, 2011

**Components:** ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: IGNITION: MODULE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,147

**Summary:**

PIAGGIO IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011-2012 FLY 50 4T 4-VALVE SCOOTERS, MODEL YEAR 2010-2012 VESPA LX50 4T 4-VALVE SCOOTERS, AND MODEL YEAR 2009-2012 VESPA S50 4T 4-VALVE SCOOTERS. THE IGNITION CONTROL UNIT MAY FAIL AND ALTER THE IGNITION TIMING.

**Consequence:**

IMPROPER IGNITION TIMING MAY CAUSE AN ENGINE BACKFIRE INTO THE AIRBOX, INCREASING THE RISK OF A FIRE.

**Remedy:**

PIAGGIO WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE IGNITION CONTROL UNIT FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 17, 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT PIAGGIO CUSTOMER CARE HELPLINE AT 212-380-4433.

**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 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.

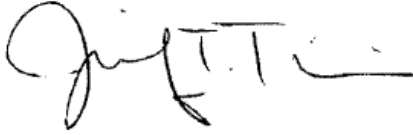
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 573.7, 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](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto: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