



**Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590  
U.S.A.**

**11V-232  
(3 Pages)**

**Subject: Part 573 Notice of MV AGUSTA MOTOR SpA Determination of Defect**

This information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR 573). MV Agusta Motor S.p.A has (MV Agusta) has determined that certain Model Year 2010 F4 motorcycles may have a defect affecting motor vehicle safety.

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**Manufacturer's Name**

Full corporate name MV Agusta Motor S.p.A.

The recalled vehicle  
is imported;

Designated agent: **MV Agusta USA, LLC**  
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**Identification of Vehicles**

Make: MV Agusta  
Line: F4 motorcycles, 998 cc  
Model Year: MY 2010  
Month/Year of manufacture: October 27, 2009 - September 07, 2010  
VIN Numbers of: See attached

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**Number of vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect**

Approximately 211 vehicles in the United States are affected by this recall (i.e. are potentially containing and estimated to contain the defect – this is 100% of USA production during the period designated above)

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**Percentage of Vehicles Actually Containing Defect**

The percentage of vehicles in the United States that are potentially subject to this defect: 100%





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**Description of Defect**

On the rear subframe (P/N 8000B5268) of the subject motorcycles, the upper fixture points may not be sufficiently robust, which may result in the subframe breaking during use. If this were to occur, the stability of rider and passenger could be compromised, thereby causing the risk of a crash.

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**Basis for Determination**

In May 2010, The Recall Investigation Committee (RIC) of MV Agusta Motor received a notification from the road testing department concerning a problem that a test rider experienced during a test. As part of this notification, the test rider indicated that the motorcycle saddle support suddenly did not remain stable and gave the sensation that the seating position had been lowered. A crash did not occur. As a consequence of this notification, the RIC initiated an analysis and investigation of the potential problem. This investigation identified a fracture of the upper rear subframe fixture points of the motorcycle. We are not aware of any crashes or injuries related to this issue.

Two changes have been implemented in the production process to address this issue:

First step modification: introduction of a reinforcement support for the rear subframe for motorcycles produced up until 07 September 2010.

Second step modification: design and engineering of a new rear subframe to be installed on new production motorcycles from 08 September 2010.

Testing has confirmed that both of these changes are effective and resolve the problem.

Although no crashes or injuries have occurred to MV Agusta's knowledge and although a search of existing warranty data and customer complaint data as of 17 February 2011 disclosed no similar incidents to have occurred with motorcycles in use, MV Agusta nevertheless decided to conduct a Recall Campaign to update all motorcycles in the USA market that have a first generation rear subframe (P/N 8000B5268) (i.e. a subframe that has had neither the step 1 nor step 2 modification).

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**Noncompliance Test Result**

Not applicable

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**Proposed Remedial Program**

MV Agusta Motor dealers will install, free of charge, the reinforcement support for the rear subframe (P/N 8000B5361) provided in the recall kit. This support provides the necessary robustness for normal use of the vehicle.

MV Agusta will also reimburse any USA owner or purchaser who previously incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by this recall within a reasonable time in advance of the MV Agusta notification of owners, purchasers and dealers. MV Agusta will reimburse for all such customer rear subframe replacements (other than caused by accident or abuse) done on affected vehicles prior to the recall.

MV Agusta plans to notify all owners of affected vehicles and will instruct these owners to arrange an appointment with an authorized USA dealer. The dealers will repair at no cost to customers.





Pending parts availability, mailing dates are anticipated as follows:

Dealer, on or about: 4 April 2011

Owner, on or about: 4 April 2011

573.6 (c)(10) **Submission of communications**

Drafts are attached

573.6 (c)(11) **Proposed Owner Letter**

Draft is attached

573.6 (c)(12) **Manufacturer's Recall Code**

MV Agusta will refer to this recall with the following code: 2764

Upon notice, MV Agusta will use the recall code assigned by NHTSA.

In case of questions please contact the person indicated below.

Sincerely,

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