



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

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NVS-215et
12V-188

SUBJECT: REAR BRAKE PADS

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/MONSTER 796 ABS/2012
DUCATI/MONSTER 1100 EVO ABS/2012
DUCATI/MULTISTRADA 1200 ABS/2012
DUCATI/HYPERMOTARD 796/2012
DUCATI/STREETFIGHTER 848/2012
DUCATI/848 EVO/2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-188

Mfg's Report Date: April 30, 2012

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC: FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:
DISC: PADS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 283

Summary:

DUCATI IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2012 848, STREETFIGHTER, HYPERMOTARD, MULTISTRADA, AND MONSTER MOTORCYCLES. THE FRICTION MATERIAL MAY DETACH FROM THE BACKING PLATE OF THE REAR BRAKE PADS.

Consequence:

IF THE FRICTION MATERIAL DETACHES, THERE WOULD BE A SUDDEN LOSS OF REAR BRAKE EFFICIENCY, INCREASING THE STOPPING DISTANCE AND INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DUCATI WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE, AS NECESSARY, THE REAR BRAKE PADS FREE OF CHARGE. DUCATI HAS NOT YET PROVIDED THE AGENCY WITH AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DUCATI AT 1-800-231-6696 OR GO TO THEIR WEBSITE AT [WWW.DUCATI.COM](http://www.ducati.com).

Notes:

DUCATI'S SAFETY RECALL NUMBER IS RCL-12-003. 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.

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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 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 Edison Thompson, who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, by email at Edison.Thompson@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 "J. 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