



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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NVS-215KS
12V-531

Subject: Fuel Hoses may Crack and Leak

Dear Ms. Mader:

This letter serves to acknowledge KTM North America, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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:

KTM/350 EXC-F/2012-2013
KTM/500 EXC/2012-2013

Mfr's Report Date: November 8, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-531

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:DELIVERY:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,181

Problem Description:

KTM North America, Inc.'s (KTM) is recalling certain model year 2012 and 2013 350 EXC-F and 500 EXC motorcycles manufactured from September 2011 through August 2012. Due to the supplier's manufacturing inconsistencies, the preformed fuel hoses may develop cracks or holes at either end. During use, the fuel hoses, located between the fuel tank and the throttle body fuel rail, may allow fuel to leak.

Consequence:

The fuel may leak onto the rear tire while the motorcycle is being ridden, increasing the risk of a crash. It is also possible that, in the presence of an ignition source, a fire can occur.

Remedy:

KTM will notify owners, and dealers will replace the defective fuel hoses free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin in early December 2012. Owners may contact KTM Customer relations at 1-888-985-6090.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received KTM's proposed owner notification letter and envelope and they are 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 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 (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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