



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

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Mr. Erik Larson
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NVS-215KS
13V-323

Subject: Rear Suspension Connecting Links may Fail

Dear Mr. Larson:

This letter serves to acknowledge Piaggio Group Americas, 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:

MOTO GUZZI/GRISO 1200/2012-2013
MOTO GUZZI/NORGE 1200/2012-2013
MOTO GUZZI/STELVIO NTX 1200/2012-2013

Mfr's Report Date: July 10, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-323

Components:

SUSPENSION:REAR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 680

Problem Description:

Piaggio Group Americas (Piaggio) is recalling certain model year 2012-2013 Moto Guzzi Stelvio NTX 1200 motorcycles manufactured February 6, 2012, through April 10, 2013; and model year 2012-2013 Moto Guzzi Norge 1200 motorcycles manufactured January 25, 2012, through March 21, 2013; and model year 2012-2013 Moto Guzzi Griso 1200 motorcycles manufactured January 26, 2012, through April 29, 2013. Due to a manufacturing fault, the rear suspension connecting links could fracture.

Consequence:

If the rear suspension links fail while riding, the rear suspension would suddenly collapse, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Piaggio will notify owners, and Moto Guzzi dealers will replace the rear suspension connecting links on the affected vehicles, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in August 2013. Owners may contact Piaggio at 1-877-696-6864.

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 Piaggio's 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:

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. Please provide this information 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 (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,



Jennifer Timian
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Enforcement