



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

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NVS-215KS  
14V-166

**Subject:** Horn, High Beam and Right Turn Signals may Fail

Dear Mr. Laforte:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ducati North America'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:**

DUCATI/1199 PANIGALE/2012-2013

**Mfr's Report Date:** April 2, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-166

**Components:**

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:WIRING  
EXTERIOR LIGHTING:HEADLIGHTS:HIGH/LOW BEAM DIMMER SWITCH  
EXTERIOR LIGHTING:TURN SIGNAL:SWITCH

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,083

**Problem Description:**

Ducati North America (Ducati) is recalling certain model year 2012-2013 1199 Panigale and Panigale S motorcycles. The left handlebar switch may not get power from its connection at the dashboard, preventing the horn, instrument panel display, high beam and right turn signals from functioning. As such, these motorcycles fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 123, "Motorcycle Controls and Displays."

**Consequence:**

The rider's inability to use the horn, right turn indicators and high beam could increase the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Ducati will notify owners, and dealers will install an additional wiring harness, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Ducati at 1-800-231-6696. Ducati's number for this recall is RCL-14-001.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Ducati'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:

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).

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 required that owners 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.

The information in your report suggests that Ducati may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation. Specifically, the chronology of events indicates a field report was received in March 2012 and that Ducati engaged in "several months replicating and clarifying the issue." No further information is provided. Please explain at the very least why Ducati did not, or could not, make a defect decision in 2012 on this issue, identifying any information or facts that needed to be developed and when that necessary information became available to Ducati.

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](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement