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Chief Administrator  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance (NVS-215)  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE,  
Washington, DC 20590

**Regarding: All 2013, 2014 and some 2015 Model Year Yamaha XT250 motorcycles.  
Air Induction pipe failure, Factory Modification Campaign.**

Dear Sir/Madam:

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide preliminary information required by 49 CFR 573 and the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act regarding a defect notification campaign we are initiating. Attached are draft copies of the Owner's notification letter, for Agency approval, and the dealer technical bulletin. The envelope format and label has previously been approved by the Agency for prior campaigns.

1. Manufacturers Name: Yamaha Motor Company, Ltd.  
2500 Shingai  
Iwata, Japan  
  
Imported Vehicle Distributor: Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.  
6555 Katella Avenue  
Cypress, California 90630
2. Vehicles Affected: Make: Yamaha  
Model: XT250 Motorcycles  
Model Year: 2013 ~ 2015  
  
Nominal Engine Displacement: XT250 is 250cc  
  
Production Period: 08/2012 – 10/2014
3. The campaign relates to the motorcycle's Air Induction Pipe.
4. Total number of subject vehicles: Current estimate: 4,800units. This will be updated in a supplemental report as we finalize the affected VIN range.

5. VIN Range: Tentative range will be supplied in forthcoming draft Technical Bulletin. Likewise this will be updated in a subsequent report as data is confirmed.
6. The campaign involves the replacement of the Air Induction Pipe and Hose. In affected motorcycles the air induction hose may fail after prolonged periods of high RPM operation. The exhaust gases flowing through the air induction hose could exceed its temperature rating. As a result, the air induction hose melts and hot exhaust gases leak from the hose. These hot exhaust gases are directed at the fuel injection sub-wiring harness, melting the insulation and causing the wiring to short. If this happens, the Fuel Injection system would malfunction, which could result in an engine stall and possible crash hazard. Please refer to the draft Technical Bulletin which will be furnished to the Agency and Yamaha dealers upon completion describing the situation which is the subject of the campaign.
7. On November 14th, 2014, Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. was informed by the manufacturer, Yamaha Motor Company, Ltd., that such a situation exists. This was determined pursuant to a quality control review, testing and a review of foreign models that use a substantially similarly part design.

We anticipate commencing dealer/owner notification shortly after the owner's notification letter is approved by NHTSA (draft copies of the Customer Notification Letter and Technical Bulletin will be provided for your review shortly), the affected VIN range is ascertained and the Technical Bulletin service procedure is confirmed and finalized by Yamaha service staff. Assuming the Agency can approve the letter within 5 working days of receipt (perhaps by December 5th) we will have the letter and Technical Bulletin printed. Normal turn-around time is 3 working days for such printing. Hence the materials will be ready for mailing approximately December 11th. Final copies of these notification documents will be forwarded to the Agency as soon as possible.

In the event we can answer any questions or provide supplemental information, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct telephone number is 714-761-7842. The fax number is 714-229-7944. My email is [brad\\_franklin@yamaha-motor.com](mailto:brad_franklin@yamaha-motor.com).

Sincerely,

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