



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Erik Larson  
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Piaggio Group Americas, Inc.  
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NVS-215KS  
15V-007

**Subject:** Sprocket may Loosen and the Rear Wheel may Lock Up

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:**

APRILIA/CAPONORD 1200/2015  
APRILIA/SHIVER 750/2014-2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** January 9, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-007

**Components:**

POWER TRAIN:MANUAL TRANSMISSION

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 337

**Problem Description:**

Piaggio Group Americas, Inc. (Piaggio) is recalling certain model year 2014-2015 Aprilia Shiver 750 motorcycles manufactured February 10, 2014, to October 28, 2014 and 2015 Aprilia Caponord 1200 motorcycles manufactured November 14, 2013, to October 16, 2014. Due to improper machining of the output gear shaft face, the fastening screw on the sprocket may loosen and the rear wheel may lock up.

**Consequence:**

A rear wheel lock up increases the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Piaggio will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the output shaft, replacing any that are found to be defective, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in January 2015. Owners may contact Piaggio customer service at 1-212-380-4433.

**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 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:

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 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. 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](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,

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