



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Charles Lee  
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Brammo, Inc.  
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Ashland, OR 97520

NVS-215MR  
15V-053

**Subject:** Oil may Leak from Breather onto Rear Tire

Dear Mr. Lee:

This letter serves to acknowledge Brammo, 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:**

BRAMMO/EMPULSE/2013-2014  
BRAMMO/EMPULSE R/2013-2014

**Mfr's Report Date:** January 28, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-053

**Components:**

POWER TRAIN:MANUAL TRANSMISSION

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 149

**Problem Description:**

Brammo, Inc. (Brammo) is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 Empulse and Empulse R motorcycles manufactured November 19, 2012, to July 8, 2014. Oil leaking from the transmission breather tube may blow onto the rear fender and tire.

**Consequence:**

If oil leaks and contacts the rear tire, a loss of control may occur, increasing the risk of crash.

**Remedy:**

Brammo will notify owners, and dealers will install a new transmission breather baffle kit, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin February 12, 2015. Owners may contact Brammo customer service at 1-541-482-9555.

**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).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at [michelle.rice@dot.gov](mailto:michelle.rice@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 large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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