



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

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NVS-215KS
15V-055

Subject: Fork Piston Rod may Detach from Fork Cap

Dear Ms. Mader:

This letter serves to acknowledge KTM North America, 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:

HUSQVARNA/FE 350 S/2015
HUSQVARNA/FE 501 S/2015

Mfr's Report Date: January 28, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-055

Components:

SUSPENSION:FRONT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 249

Problem Description:

KTM North America, Inc. (KTM) is recalling certain model year 2015 Husqvarna FE 350 S and FE 501 S motorcycles manufactured from July 22, 2014, to July 23, 2014. In the forks of the affected motorcycles, the threaded connection between the piston rod and fork cap may not have been sufficiently tightened and therefore the piston rod could become stuck within the fork leg.

Consequence:

If the piston rod detaches within the fork leg, the front suspension could malfunction and destabilize the motorcycle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

KTM will notify owners, and Husqvarna dealers will inspect the torque of the fork piston rod to the fork cap, correcting it as necessary, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact KTM customer service at 1-888-985-6090. KTM's number for this recall is TB 1503. Note: This recall supersedes recall 14V-772 in its entirety.

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.

Please submit a revised defect information report (Part 573) that combines the total population of this recall with the population reported in recall 14V-772. Additionally, in the revised report, at the end of the 'Description of Defect' section, please specifically request that recall 14V-772 be closed out since this recall will include those vehicles.

Please explain the reason for the increase of population, i.e. Were these vehicles thought to be quarantined? Or did you initially believe them not to be sent to the US?

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit 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.

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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