



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

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Mr. Erik Larson
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NVS-215MR
15V-066

Subject: Defective Fuel Pump

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:

PIAGGIO/BV 250/2009-2010
PIAGGIO/BV 300/2010
PIAGGIO/MP3 250/2009-2010
PIAGGIO/VESPA GTS 250/2008-2010
PIAGGIO/VESPA GTS 300/2010-2011
PIAGGIO/VESPA GTS SUPER 250/2008-2010
PIAGGIO/VESPA GTS SUPER 300/2010-2011
PIAGGIO/VESPA GTV 250/2008-2010
PIAGGIO/VESPA GTV 300/2010-2011
PIAGGIO/VESPA LX 150/2011
PIAGGIO/VESPA LXV 150/2011
PIAGGIO/VESPA S 150/2011

Mfr's Report Date: February 3, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-066

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:DELIVERY:FUEL PUMP

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,613

Problem Description:

Piaggio Group Americas Inc. (Piaggio) is recalling certain model year 2008-2010 Vespa GTS 250, GTV 250, GTS Super 250, 2011 Vespa LX 150, LXV 150, S 150, 2010-2011 Vespa GTS 300, GTV 300, GTS Super 300, 2009-2010 Piaggio MP3 250, BV 250 Tourer, and 2010 BV 300 Tourer motorcycles. Due to a defective fuel pump, the affected motorcycles may stall while being operated or may fail to restart after being shut off for 15-20 minutes.

Consequence:

If the motorcycle stalls, there is an increased risk of a crash.



Remedy:

Piaggio will notify owners, and dealers will replace the defective fuel pump, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 16, 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.

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).

The chronology provided in your defect information report is inadequate. 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, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

The information in your report suggests that Piaggio may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please explain why the remedy was first initiated as a service campaign in 2011 and then even when the issue was investigated by Italian authorities in 2014 a defect decision was not made until now.

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 or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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