



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

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Mr. Jonathan Laforte  
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NVS-215SM  
15V-152

**Subject:** Cable may Prevent the Throttle from Closing

Dear Mr. Laforte:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ducati North America'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:**

DUCATI/MULTISTRADA 1200/2010-2014

**Mfr's Report Date:** March 13, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-152

**Components:**

VEHICLE SPEED CONTROL:CABLES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 5,962

**Problem Description:**

Ducati North America (Ducati) is recalling certain model year 2010-2014 Multistrada 1200 motorcycles. The inner sleeve of the opening throttle cable may move and prevent the full closing of the throttle.

**Consequence:**

If the throttle cannot be fully closed, there is an increased risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Ducati will notify owners, and dealers will replace the upper throttle cover with one that prevents the inner throttle sleeve from moving, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin May 11, 2015. Owners may contact Ducati customer service at 1-800-231-6696. Ducati's number for this recall is RCL-15-001.

**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 required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please amend your provided chronology to include the dates of the field reports and the date(s) of their analysis.

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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at [sarah.mcshane@dot.gov](mailto:sarah.mcshane@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