

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**15V-055****Manufacturer Name :** KTM North America, Inc.**Submission Date :** MAR 02,2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-055**Manufacturer Recall No. :** TB 1503**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : KTM North America, Inc.

Address : 1119 Milan Avenue

Amherst OH 44001

Company phone : 440-985-3553

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 249

Estimated percentage with defect : 1

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2015-2015 Husqvarna FE 350 S

Vehicle Type : MOTORCYCLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : 350 - 510 cc, photo and VIN list enclosed – including the 213 newly identified affected units for a total of 249.

Production Dates : JUL 23, 2014 - OCT 17, 2014

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : VBKUAK400FM224342

End : VBKUAK405FM233604

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2015-2015 Husqvarna FE 501 S

Vehicle Type : MOTORCYCLES

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : 350 - 510 cc, photo and VIN list enclosed – including the 213 newly identified affected units for a total of 249.

Production Dates : JUL 23, 2014 - OCT 16, 2014

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : VBKUAP401FM494225

End : VBKUAP405FM496477

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Inside the forks located between the front wheel and handlebar, the threaded connection between the piston rod and fork cap may not have been sufficiently tightened and could therefore become stuck within the fork leg.

Description of the Safety Risk : The front suspension could malfunction and destabilize the motorcycle, potentially causing the rider to lose control of the vehicle.

Description of the Cause : The cause of the defect is due to a change in the production process at the fork supplier, resulting in improper tightening torque of the piston rod to the fork cap. To remedy this defect, the supplier has changed its torquing procedure to achieve the proper tightening torque of the piston rod to the fork cap.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : The defect may be identified by knocking sounds in the fork as well as decreased damping performance during operation; however this may not be easily detectable.

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : WP Performance Systems GmbH

Address : Gewerbegebiet Nord 8

A-5222 Munderfing FOREIGN STATES

Country : NR

Chronology :

The fork supplier WP Performance Systems GmbH has started an investigation after initial reports of piston rods detaching from the fork cap around October 15, 2014. By October 16, 2014 the software used at WP's assembly of the forks has been revised to reflect the proper tightening torque and the entire stock of already produced fork legs has been inspected. KTM Motorrad AG has been notified by WP Performance Systems GmbH of the situation and subsequently KTM North America has been informed, leading to its own investigation involving the Customer Service and Field Technical departments at the beginning of November. The originally identified recall population of 36 in December 2014 (14V-772) has now been expanded by 213 to 249 total units.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Authorized Husqvarna dealers will inspect the tightening torque of the piston rod to the fork cap on all affected units and complete the repair if necessary free of charge to the customers or offer reimbursement of previously repaired defects covered by this recall.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The piston rod is not tightened properly to the fork cap in defective fork leg assemblies. The corrective action is to tighten the piston rod to the fork cap at the proper torque. Upon completion of the repair a "dot" is punched onto the piston rod lock nut to identify the remedied component.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : As soon as NHTSA approves the draft documents submitted for review, KTM will start posting notifications to its authorized dealers via internet, using a freeze message tool forcing the dealers to read the message before being able to continue working within the KTM dealer network system. As soon as NHTSA approves the draft documents submitted for review, KTM will start sending out notification letters to registered owners, which should be concluded within seven days.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

* NR - Not Reported