

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 15V-441

**Manufacturer Name :** KTM North America, Inc.

**Submission Date :** JAN 23, 2018

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-441

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** TB1507



## 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 :** 640

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 10 %

## Vehicle Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2014-2014 KTM 1290 Super Duke R

**Vehicle Type :** MOTORCYCLES

**Body Style :**

**Power Train :** NR

**Descriptive Information :** 1300 cc,

**Production Dates :** JUL 01, 2013 - APR 30, 2014

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :**

NR

**End :** NR

Not sequential

## Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** The threaded inserts on the fuel tanks that affix an internal overflow pipe may leak due to an irregularity in the coating process during production. The affected components (fuel tank inserts) are located on the rearward facing lower side of the fuel tank underneath the seat and on the underside of the fuel tank.

**FMVSS 1 :** NR

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** The capillary effect may cause fuel to leak from the threaded inserts to the outside of the fuel tank.

**Description of the Cause :** The cause of the defect is improper coating of the internal fuel tank overflow pipe during the production process at the vendor.

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** N/A

## Supplier Identification :

**Component Manufacturer**

Name : ACERBIS ITALIA SPA  
Address : VIA SERIO, 37  
ALBINO (BG) FOREIGN STATES 24021  
Country : Italy

**Chronology :**

In October 2014, first incidents about small fuel leaks were reported from the market place in the US. In November 2014 an investigation was launched at the manufacturer level which resulted in the subject recall. Warranty claims about small amounts of fuel leaks were recorded, no injuries related thereto so far. The initial incidents were reported as case by case warranty claims and only investigation over time revealed a certain pattern that led KTM to the defect decision.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program :	Authorized KTM dealers will inspect the threaded inserts on the fuel tanks for leaks from the internal overflow pipe 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 remedy assembly includes seals mounted into the thread inserts on the rearward facing lower and underside of the fuel tank.
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :	The entire 2014 production of this model is affected by the recall, for subsequent model years production the component supplier has changed the manufacturing process by completely eliminating the threaded inserts on the fuel tanks.

**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 :	JUL 16, 2015 - NR
Planned Owner Notification Date :	AUG 11, 2015 - NR

\* NR - Not Reported