



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

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NEF-150TB  
16V-370

**Subject:** Rear Wheel may have been Installed Incorrectly

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/XDIAVEL S/2016

**Mfr's Report Date:** May 26, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-370

**Components:**

WHEELS:RIM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 925

**Problem Description:**

Ducati North America (Ducati) is recalling certain model year 2016 XDiavel S motorcycles manufactured November 25, 2015 to May 18, 2016. The affected motorcycles have a rear wheel that may have been incorrectly installed on the hub.

**Consequence:**

If the rear wheel was incorrectly installed, the drive pins may fail, resulting in a loss of braking and a loss of power transmission from the engine. These conditions increase the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Ducati will notify owners, and dealers will remove the rear wheel and install rubber inserts to prevent the wheel from being improperly installed. Any wheel that is found to have been improperly installed will be replaced. These repairs will be performed free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on July 18, 2016. Owners may contact Ducati customer service at 1-800-231-6696. Ducati's number for this recall is SRV-RCL-16-001.

**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 amend your Defect Information report to include that the wheels that are found to have been installed incorrectly will be replaced free of charge as your dealer remedy instructions state.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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 Tariq Bond who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5472, or by email at tariq.bond@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement