



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

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NEF-150TB
16V-729

Subject: Side Stand Screw may Loosen and cause Bike to Fall

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/2016-2017

Mfr's Report Date: October 7, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-729

Components:
STRUCTURE:MOTORCYCLE KICKSTAND/CENTER STAND

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,433

Problem Description:

Ducati North America (Ducati) is recalling certain model year 2016-2017 XDiavel motorcycles manufactured July 7, 2015, to June 22, 2016. The side stand plate lower fastening screw on the affected motorcycles may not be sufficiently tightened, causing the stand to fail and the bike to fall. Additionally, during normal use on the road, the loosening of the lower screw could cause damage to the side stand sensor switch, causing the engine to stall.

Consequence:

If the lower stand plate screw becomes loose it can cause the bike to fall, or the engine to stall, increasing the risk of injury or a crash.

Remedy:

Ducati will notify owners, and dealers will replace the side stand pivot and side stand plate fastening screw, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin November 7, 2016. Owners may contact Ducati customer service at 1-800-231-6696. Ducati's number for this recall is RCL-16-003(B).

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 Ducati'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).

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,



Jennifer Timian
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Enforcement