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Chief Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE,
Washington, DC 20590

Regarding: Certain 2015 – 2016 model YZFR3F, and YZFR3G Clutch Pressure Plate Bearing and Oil Pump Replacement, Factory Modification Campaign.

Dear Sir/Madam:

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide preliminary information required by 49 CFR 573 and the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act regarding a defect notification campaign we are initiating. Attached are draft copies of the Owner's notification letter, for Agency approval, and the dealer technical bulletin. The envelope format and label has previously been approved by the Agency for prior campaigns.

1. Manufacturers Name: Yamaha Indonesia Motor Manufacturing
JI. DR. Rajiman Widyodiningrat
Pulo Gadung, Jakarta 13920. Indonesia

Imported Vehicle Distributor: Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.
6555 Katella Avenue
Cypress, California 90630

2. Vehicles Affected: Make: Yamaha
Model: 2015 Model Year YZFR3 Motorcycles
Model: 2016 Model Year YZFR3 Motorcycles

Nominal Engine Displacement: YZFR3 is 320cc,

Production Period: Affected models were produced between 01/2015 –
04/2016

3. The campaign relates to the motorcycle's clutch pressure plate bearing and the oil pump drive gear.

4. Total number of subject vehicles: Current estimate: 11,280 units. This will be updated in a supplemental report as we finalize the affected VIN range.

5. VIN Range: Tentative range will be supplied in forthcoming draft Technical Bulletin. Likewise this will be updated in a subsequent report as data is confirmed.
6. The campaign involves the replacement of the motorcycles clutch pressure plate bearing and the oil pump. In affected motorcycles, when the clutch is operated frequently, such as prolonged stop and go traffic, the clutch pressure plate bearing may break due to an insufficient load rating of the bearing. This could cause the clutch to fail to operate so the transmission will not shift properly. In addition, in affected motorcycles, oil pressure may not be properly regulated due to an improper oil relief valve design in the oil pump, which can excessively stress the oil pump drive gear. In the worst case, the drive gear may break which could result in engine seizure from lack of oil supply. Either of these conditions could cause loss of control that could result in a crash with injury or death. Please refer to the draft Technical Bulletin which will be furnished to the Agency and Yamaha dealers upon completion describing the situation which is the subject of the campaign.
7. On June 13, 2016, Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. was informed by the manufacturer, Yamaha Indonesia Motor Manufacturing that such a situation exists. This was determined pursuant to a quality control review, testing and a review of foreign models that use a substantially similarly part design.

We anticipate commencing dealer/owner notification shortly after the owner's notification letter is approved by NHTSA (draft copies of the Customer Notification Letter and Technical Bulletin is attached for your review), the affected VIN range is ascertained and the Technical Bulletin service procedure is confirmed and finalized by Yamaha service staff. Assuming the Agency can approve the letter within 5 days of receipt (perhaps June 27th) we will have the letter and Technical Bulletin printed. Normal turn-around time is 3 working days for such printing. Hence the materials will be ready for mailing approximately July 5th. Final copies of these notification documents will be forwarded to the Agency as soon as possible.

In the event we can answer any questions or provide supplemental information, please do not hesitate to contact me. My direct telephone number is 714-761-7842. The fax number is 714-229-7944. My email is brad_franklin@yamaha-motor.com.

Sincerely,

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