



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

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Mr. Erik Larson
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NEF-150JK
17V-811

Subject: Front Brake Master Cylinder Failure/FMVSS 122

Dear Mr. Larson:

This letter serves to acknowledge Piaggio Group Americas, Inc.'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:

APRILIA/RSV4/2016-2017
APRILIA/TUONO/2017

Mfr's Report Date: December 15, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-811

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:MASTER CYLINDER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,856

Problem Description:

Piaggio Group Americas, Inc. (Piaggio) is recalling certain 2016-2017 Aprilia RSV4 1000 motorcycles (including RR, Factory Superpole, and RF Superpole), and 2017 Aprilia Tuono V4 1100 motorcycles (including RR and Factory Superpole). These motorcycles are equipped with Brembo front brake master cylinders that may fail. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 122, "Motorcycle Brake Systems."

Consequence:

If the front brake master cylinder fails, the loss of front braking ability can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Aprilia will notify owners, and dealers will replace the front brake master cylinder piston, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 15, 2018. Owners may contact Aprilia customer service at 1-212-380-4433.

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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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).

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 Jennifer Kruger who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-2461, or by email at jennifer.kruger@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian".

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement