



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

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NEF-150JK
18V-458

Subject: Fork Axle Carrier Defect May Cause Loss of Control

Dear Mr. Valentini:

This letter serves to acknowledge MV Agusta USA, LLC'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:

MV AGUSTA/BRUTALE 800 DRAGSTER RC/2018
MV AGUSTA/F3 800/2018
MV AGUSTA/F3 800 RC/2018

Mfr's Report Date: July 10, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-458

Components:

SUSPENSION:FRONT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 22

Problem Description:

MV Agusta USA, LLC (MV Agusta) is recalling certain 2018 MV Agusta Brutale 800 Dragster RC, F3 800RC, and F3 800 motorcycles. These vehicles are equipped with a fork axle carrier that may have damaged threads which can cause excessive play of the wheel clamping screw.

Consequence:

Wheel clamping screws that experience excessive play can cause a loss of control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

MV Agusta will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the threaded holes in the fork axle carriers, and if necessary replace the fork leg, free of charge. Owners are advised to not ride their motorcycles until the repair has been performed. The recall began July 20, 2018. Owners may contact MV Agusta customer service at 1-215-781-1770. MV Agusta's number for this recall is 18RC02.

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 MV Agusta's proposed owner notification letter and approved it for distribution.

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.

The information in your report suggests that MV Agusta may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

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,



Jennifer Timian
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Enforcement