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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

This notice applies to your vehicle, VIN xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Model:

December 17, 2018

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Dear Yamaha Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2015 through 2018 YZF-R3 motorcycles. Our records indicate that you own the affected motorcycle shown above. In addition, if your motorcycle is a 2015 or 2016 model, and the last five digits of your VIN shown above are 12240 or lower, your motorcycle is also affected by a second defect which relates to motor vehicle safety as described in the reason for the recall below. Your Yamaha Dealer will assist in the confirmation of additional recalls that may be needed.

The reason for this recall:

In affected motorcycles, it is possible for coolant to leak from a radiator hose due to improper curing ("vulcanization") of the hose material. If this occurs, the coolant could get on the rear tire, causing slipping, which could result in loss of control and a crash with injury or death.

Additionally, if your YZF-R3 is an affected 2015 or 2016 model, the torsion spring for the gear shift shaft could break because it was improperly shot-peened during manufacturing to strengthen the metal. If the spring breaks, it could be difficult to shift gears, which could result in loss of control and a crash with injury or death.

What Yamaha and your dealer will do:

To correct this defect, your authorized Yamaha dealer will replace the radiator hose with a new one that was properly manufactured. The procedure takes about 50 minutes to do once the engine has cooled, but be aware that your Yamaha dealer may need to keep your motorcycle longer.

If your motorcycle is also affected by the gear shift torsion spring defect, your dealer will replace the spring with a new one that was properly manufactured. The separate replacement procedure will take about two hours. **There will be no charge to you for either procedure.**

What you should do now:

Please call your Yamaha dealer to make a service appointment to have this procedure(s) performed. At that same time, you can find out how long they expect to keep your motorcycle to complete this service. Remember to take this letter with you when you take in your motorcycle.

Only ride your motorcycle to the dealership to be repaired. You should avoid riding your affected motorcycle shown above whenever possible until you can get it to the dealer to have this modification performed.

If you are unable to return to the Yamaha dealer who sold you the motorcycle, this service will be performed by any authorized Yamaha motorcycle dealer. To find a dealer near you, call 1-800-88-YAMAHA or visit the Yamaha website at www.yamaha-motor.com.

If you have had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be entitled to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this repair. For more information, contact Yamaha Customer Relations at 1-800-962-7926.

Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within 10 days.

If you need help:

If, after contacting your dealership, you have questions or concerns which the dealership is unable to answer, please write to:

Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.
Customer Relations Department
P.O. Box 6555
Cypress, CA 90630

Or call: 1-800-962-7926

If, after contacting Yamaha Customer Relations, you are still not satisfied that we have done our best to remedy the situation without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>. Refer to campaign 18V-861 (radiator hose) or 18V-860 (shift torsion spring).

If you no longer own this Yamaha:

If you have sold your motorcycle to another party, please call us toll-free at 1-800-962-7926 with the name and address of the new owner, along with the serial number shown above your name on the address label above.

We're sorry to cause you any inconvenience, but we are sincerely concerned about your safety and continued satisfaction with our products. Thank you for giving your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Service Support Group
Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.