



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Erik Larson  
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Piaggio Group Americas, Inc.  
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NEF-150SS  
20V-617

**Subject:** Improperly Galvanized Brake Lines Reduce Braking

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:**

PIAGGIO/VESPA GTS 300/2020-2021  
PIAGGIO/VESPA GTV 300/2020-2021

**Mfr's Report Date:** October 6, 2020

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 20V-617

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 483

**Problem Description:**

Piaggio Group Americas, Inc. (Piaggio) is recalling certain 2020-2021 Vespa GTS 300 and GTV 300 scooters. Improperly galvanized brake pipe terminals can result in excessive front and/or rear brake levers travel during braking.

**Consequence:**

Reduced braking efficiency can lengthen the distance needed to stop the scooter, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Piaggio will notify owners, and dealers will test the O-Ring, replace the brake fluid and bleed the brake system, or replace the brake pipes based on the vehicle's age, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin October 21, 2020. Owners may contact Piaggio customer service at 1-212-380-4433. Piaggio's number for this recall is PP2ZZQ2003\_GTS/GTV.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information (such as the numbers of deaths and/or injuries), with their dates of receipt.

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

We have received Piaggio'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).

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 Sarah Shiver who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-7401, or by email at sarah.shiver@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Joshua Neff  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement