



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

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Mr. Brad Franklin  
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NEF-150SS  
20V-813

**Subject:** Transmission Second Gear Can Break

Dear Mr. Franklin:

This letter serves to acknowledge Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA'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:**  
YAMAHA/FJR1300/2016-2020

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 28, 2020

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 20V-813

**Components:**  
POWER TRAIN:MANUAL TRANSMISSION:INTERNAL:GEARS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,285

**Problem Description:**

Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA (Yamaha) is recalling certain 2016-2020 Yamaha FJR13A and FJR13AE motorcycles. The second gear of the transmission can crack and break under high speed loads.

**Consequence:**

A broken gear can cause the transmission and rear wheel to lock causing a loss of control and increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Yamaha will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and, as necessary, reprogram the Engine Control Unit (ECU) and replace the main axle and drive axle assemblies, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 13, 2021. Owners may contact Yamaha customer service at 1-800-962-7926. Yamaha's number for this recall is 990141. Note: Owners are advised not to operate their motorcycle until the repairs have been performed.

**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).

We have received Yamaha's proposed owner notification letter and envelope and approved them for distribution.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Please amend your 573 to include the information that owners are advised not to ride their motorcycle until the recall remedy has been performed.

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

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  
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Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement