



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

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NEF-107SS  
21V-806

**Subject:** Engine Case May Leak Oil Onto Rear Tire

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/XVS950/2020-2021

**Mfr's Report Date:** October 15, 2021

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 21V-806

**Components:**

ENGINE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 233

**Problem Description:**

Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA (Yamaha) is recalling certain 2020-2021 XVS95C motorcycles. The engine case may leak oil onto the rear tire.

**Consequence:**

Oil on the rear tire may cause a loss of control, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Owners are advised to not ride their motorcycles until they are repaired. Dealers will inspect and replace the engine, as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed October 29, 2021. Owners may contact Yamaha customer service at 1-800-962-7926. Yamaha's number for this recall is 990150.

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

We note that Yamaha's owner notification letter includes a warning to owners to not ride their motorcycles until they are repaired. Please amend the Part 573 report remedy section to also include this information.



**Please ensure the following requirements are met:**

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please amend the chronology to provide 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.**

Your company's program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of your company's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with § 573.13. Your company's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by § 573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in your company's report to NHTSA. If your company submits one or more general reimbursement plans, your company shall update each plan every two years (§ 573.13). If the vehicles are new and would be covered under the manufacturer's warranty program, please state that in the remedy section of your filing.

**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.

Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA's contact for this recall will be Sarah Shiver who may be reached by email at [sarah.shiver@dot.gov](mailto:sarah.shiver@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement