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NVS-215KS
14E-012

Subject: Steering Damper Bracket may Fail, Locking Steering

Dear Oskar Ahlgren:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ohlins Racing AB'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:

DUCATI/748/1994-2002
DUCATI/848/1994-2013
DUCATI/916/1994-2013
DUCATI/996/1994-2013
DUCATI/998/1994-2013
DUCATI/MONSTER 1000/2003-2007
HONDA/CB600RR/2003-2006
SUZUKI/GSX1300R/2003-2008
SUZUKI/TL1000R/1998-2001
YAMAHA/FZ6/2004-2005
YAMAHA/YZFR1/1998-2008
YAMAHA/YZFR6/2008-2013
OHLINS/STEERING DAMPER/9999

Mfr's Report Date: December 3, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14E-012

Components:

EQUIPMENT
STEERING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,827

Problem Description:

Ohlins Racing AB (Ohlins) is recalling certain steering dampers kits manufactured with an incorrectly machined bracket. These dampers were sold for use as aftermarket equipment on Yamaha R1, R6, and FZ6, Suzuki TL1000 R and GSX1300R, Honda CB600RR, and Ducati Monster 1000, 748, 848, 916, 996, and 998 motorcycles. Also included are universal steering damper kits with part numbers SD 000 through SD 005. The affected brackets may crack.

Consequence:

If there is a crack in the steering bracket, at low speeds it may cause the steering to lock, leading to personal injury or a crash.

Remedy:

Ohlins will notify the distributors and provide their customers with a new bracket. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule for this campaign. Owners may contact Ohlins USA at 1-828-692-4525. Note: This recall is an expansion of recall 13E-034.

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@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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