

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 99V-360 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: **December 23, 1999**

Manufacturer: **Ducati North America, Inc.**

Manufacturer Contact: **Mr. Renato Aime, National Service Manager**

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SUBJECT: 4,165 Ducati 1994-1999 916, 1996 955SP, 1997-1998 996SPS, 1999 996BIP, and 1997-1999 748 model motorcycles equipped with a rear wheel hub spindle. Internal cracks may be present on the rear wheel spindle.

This is an **initial** acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

Please provide the beginning and ending manufacturing dates for these motorcycles.

We have reviewed the owner/dealer notification letters and they meet the requirements of Part 577.

As stated in Part 573.6, 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. As stated in your report, owner notification began December 16, 1999. Since this was so close to the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by April 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please call:



Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232 or
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Dear Mr. Aime:

After review of the file concerning this recall, it appears that an acknowledgment letter was never sent to you. Please accept our apologies for this oversight.

We have reviewed Ducati North America, Inc.'s (Ducati) Defect Information Report dated December 15, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 4,165 Ducati 1994-1997 916, 1997 748, 1996 955SP, 1997-1998 996SPS, 1997-1998 916BIP, 1998 916MONO, 1998-1999 748BIP, 748 MONO, and 1998 748L model motorcycles equipped with a rear wheel hub spindle. Internal cracks may be present on the rear wheel spindle. The assigned ID number for this recall campaign is 99V-360.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5227 or by fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. White, Chief
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