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VIA FACSIMILE (202) 366-7882
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Sirs:

The purpose of this correspondence is to provide information required by 49 CFR 573 and the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act regarding a defect notification campaign we are initiating.

1. **Manufacturers Name:** Yamaha Motor Company, Ltd.
Imported Vehicle Distributor: Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.
6555 Katella Avenue
Cypress, California 90630
2. **Vehicles Affected:** **Make:** Yamaha
Models: 1998 and 1999 Model Year
YFZ-R1K/KC
YFZ-R1L/LC

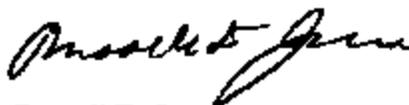
Make: Yamaha
Models: 1999 and 2000 Model Year
YZF-R6L/LC
YZF-R6M/MC
3. The aforementioned models feature the sidestand switch mounting design related to this campaign. Said design is not utilized in other models.
4. Total number of subject vehicles: 17,146.
5. Refer to Technical Bulletin for affected range.

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6. The campaign involves the replacement of affected fasteners. Please refer to the attached Technical Bulletin being furnished to dealers describing same.
7. Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. has been informed by the manufacturer, Yamaha Motor Company, Ltd., that such models have experienced the indicated potential failure in other countries.
8. Not applicable.
9. We are also today submitting to the Office of Defects Investigation our proposed owners' notification and envelope to be used for this mailing. The envelope has previously been approved by the NHTSA. It is our intent to issue the enclosed Technical Bulletin and the owners' letter when approved by the Agency. The mailing should be accomplished in two days.
10. Please refer to the attached Technical Bulletin, proposed owners' letter, and envelope.

In the event we can answer any questions or provide supplemental information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Russell D. Jura
Senior Vice President
and General Counsel

RDJ/dlb

Enclosures: Technical Bulletin
Proposed Owners' Letter/Envelope

Technical BULLETIN

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RECALL

This modification has top priority. This bulletin must be performed immediately to ensure customer satisfaction.

YZF-R1K, KC, L, LC; YZF-R6L, LC, M, MC FACTORY MODIFICATION CAMPAIGN



INTRODUCTION

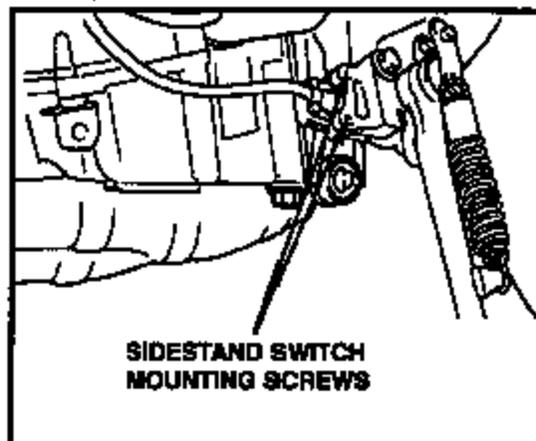
Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in 1998 and 1999 YZF-R1 motorcycles, and also in 1999 and certain 2000 YZF-R6 motorcycles. The screws holding the sidestand switch may loosen and fall out due to engine heat and vibration. If this happens, the sidestand switch would not function correctly, so it would be possible to ride the motorcycle with the sidestand in the down position. This condition would increase the risk that the sidestand could hit the ground during a turn, which could cause loss of control and an accident/crash with resulting personal injury or death.

To correct this defect, Yamaha is initiating a Factory Modification Campaign. Affected units must have the screws holding the sidestand switch replaced with a combination of bolts and nuts which will hold the switch securely. Due to changes in the way fuel-tank overflow and breather hoses are routed on late-production YZF-R1 units, there are two different Bolt Kits. Order the correct Bolt Kit for the unit being modified as described in this bulletin.

Yamaha is notifying all registered owners of affected units by mail. A copy of this letter is included in this bulletin. The customer should take the letter along with the affected unit to an authorized Yamaha dealer for the modification.

A computer report listing all affected units invoiced to your dealership is included with this bulletin. Use the list to help ensure all units are modified. All sold units which have been registered with Yamaha will show the customer's name and address. Your dealership must notify the owner of any affected unit which was actually sold but is listed as "unsold" on the report.

You must modify all affected units in your inventory, as well as all customer-owned units brought to you for this service. Any affected units that you purchase from Yamaha in the future will also require modification. If you purchase a unit from another dealer, check to see if the procedures in this bulletin have already been performed before you sell the unit.



Motorcycles that are affected should not be operated until they are modified. It is a violation of Yamaha policy for your dealership to deliver any affected units to customers until the procedures in this bulletin are performed.

When the modification on each unit is performed, follow the Warranty Information section of this bulletin to receive reimbursement. Be sure to use the Factory Modification Campaign procedures in Chapter 8 of the Warranty and Y.E.S. Handbook (LIT-11760-00-95).



DEALER ACTION SUMMARY

Modify: All affected 1998 and 1999 YZF-R1 motorcycles and all affected 1999 and certain 2000 YZF-R6 motorcycles.

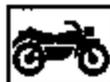
Parts

Required: Yes. Order either Bolt Kit A or Bolt Kit B, depending upon the unit being modified. See the Affected Units section and the Parts information section for details.

Warranty: Factory Modification Campaign (see the Warranty Information section of this bulletin).

Notify

Customers: Yes. You must immediately contact any customer whose unit shows as unregistered on the enclosed report. Yamaha has sent letters to the customers whose motorcycles were registered for warranty as of 3/xx/2000.



AFFECTED UNITS

All 1998 YZF-R1K

All 1998 YZF-R1KC

All 1999 YZF-R1L (see Note)

All 1999 YZF-R1LC (see Note)

All 1999 YZF-R6L

All 1999 YZF-R6LC

2000 YZF-R6M

2000 YZF-R6MC

RJ04E-004983-9683

RJ04Y-000483-001182

NOTE:

There was a mid-production change on 1999 YZF-R1 because a clamp was added to hold the fuel tank overflow hose and breather hose. The following motorcycles must be modified with Bolt Kit "B" which has longer bolts to accommodate the clamp on the switch:

YZF-R1L RN02E-005765-008321

YZF-R1LC RN02Y-000869-00091B

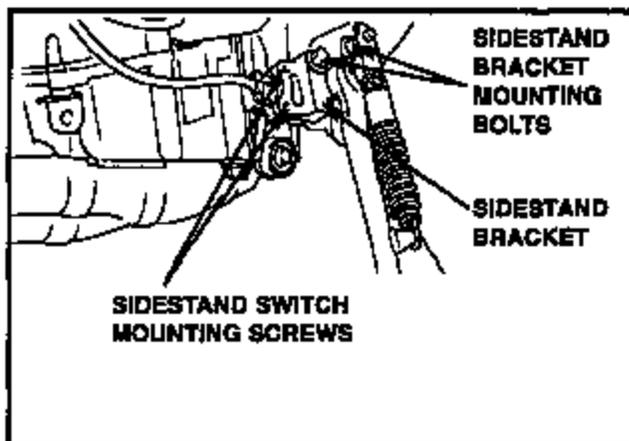
All other affected YZF-R1 units as well as all affected YZF-R6 units use Bolt Kit "A."



SERVICE PROCEDURES

Refer to the YZF-R1 Service Manual (LIT-11616-11-25) or YZF-R6 Service Manual (LIT-11616-12-62) for more detailed procedures.

1. Support the motorcycle securely on a stand which positions it vertically, such as on a race stand.
2. Remove the 2 mounting bolts holding the sidestand bracket to the frame.
3. Remove the 2 screws holding the sidestand switch to the sidestand bracket.



4. Assemble the sidestand switch again on sidestand bracket by installing the 2 new sidestand switch holding bolts from the kit.

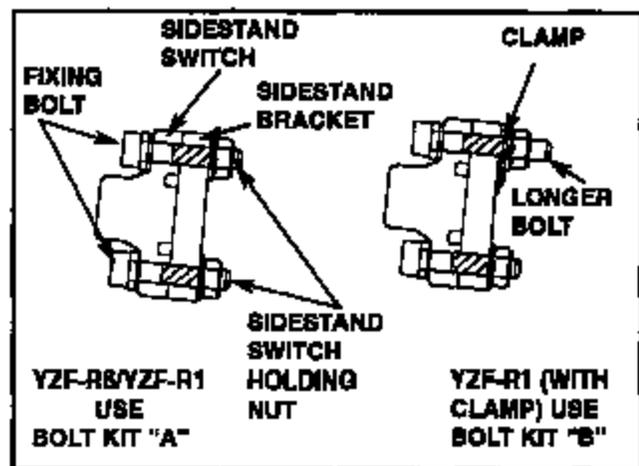
Tightening Torque: 3.8 Nm (0.38 m-kG, 2.7 ft-lb.)

NOTE:

Bolt Kit "B" is for YZF-R1 units with the clamp for hoses. Use the longer bolt in the top mounting hole where the clamp is located.

5. Hold the bolts to prevent rotation, then install the 2 sidestand switch holding nuts from the kit.

Tightening Torque: 3.8 Nm (0.38 m-kG, 2.7 ft-lb.)



6. Assemble sidestand bracket assembly by installing the 2 new sidestand bracket holding bolts from the kit.

Tightening Torque: 63 Nm (6.3 m-kG, 40 ft-lb.)



IDENTIFICATION PROCEDURE

To determine whether or not a unit has been modified, check the mounting method of the sidestand switch. If the switch is secured with bolts and locking nuts instead of screws, the modification has been performed. You can also check a unit's status on YCS, or by contacting your Regional Technical Advisor (RTA).



PARTS INFORMATION

Part Number	Description	Contents	Application	Dealer Cost
90891-20083-00	Bolt Kit "A"	Bolt : 90110-05005 (2) Bolt : 90109-105G7 (2) Nut : 90185-05007 (2)	All affected YZF-R6 All affected YZF-R1 (except those listed for Bolt Kit "B" below)	\$2.46
90891-20084-00	Bolt Kit "B"	Bolt : 90110-05005 (1) Bolt : 90110-05008 (1) Bolt : 90109-105G7 (2) Nut : 90185-05007 (2)	YZF-R1L: RN02E-005765-006321 YZF-R1LC: RN02Y-000869-000918	\$2.46



WARRANTY INFORMATION

The owner of each warranty-registered unit will receive a letter announcing this campaign. The letter has a label, which includes the Primary ID and Recall Number. Use this information when submitting for reimbursement as described below.

This modification is authorized for all affected units, both sold and unsold, regardless of ownership or warranty status. You do not need the customer's letter to perform the modification or to file for warranty reimbursement.

The labor allowance for this modification is 0.3 hour. To receive credit for the modification (Bolt Kit and labor), do one of the following:

YCS:

Select YCS On-Line, then choose **Recall Request Input** from the on-line menu. Follow the prompts on the screen.

MAIL:

Complete a **Recall Reimbursement Request** (LIT-11790-00-97) as shown below.

The recall Number is **990006**. The status of the unit must be **"M."**

Once you have completed the repair and submitted for credit, properly tag and hold the old brake pads for 90 days.

Recall Number		Primary I.D.						Date Completed						Status										
9	9	R	N	0	2	Y	-	0	0	0	X	X	X	0	3	-	1	5	-	2	0	0	0	M

"M" MUST BE CIRCLED

If you have any questions about proper procedures for Factory Modification Campaigns, see Chapter 8 in your **Yamaha Warranty and Y.E.S. Handbook** (LIT-11760-00-95).



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CUSTOMER SUPPORT GROUP

6555 Katella Avenue, Cypress, California 90630-6101 (714) 761-7900

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SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

March xx, 2000

Dear Yamaha Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in 1998 and 1999 YZF-R1 motorcycles, and also in 1999 and certain 2000 YZF-R6 motorcycles.

The reason for this recall:

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What Yamaha and your dealer will do:

Yamaha will modify your motorcycle free of charge (parts and labor). To do this, your dealer will replace the screws holding the sidestand switch with a combination of bolts and nuts which will hold the switch securely. The work will take about 20 minutes to do. However, additional time may be necessary for your dealer to schedule and process your motorcycle.

What you should do now:

Please call your dealer and make a service appointment to have this modification performed. Please take this letter with you when you take in your motorcycle. Should you be unable to return to the Yamaha dealer who sold you the motorcycle, the service will be performed by any authorized Yamaha motorcycle dealer. You are requested to avoid riding your motorcycle until this modification is performed.

If you need help:

If, after contacting your dealership, you have questions or concerns which the dealership is unable to resolve, please write to:

Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.
Customer Relations Department
P.O. Box 6555
Cypress, CA 90630

If, after contacting Yamaha Customer Relations, you are still not satisfied that we have done our best to remedy this situation without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh St., Washington DC 20590, or call the Toll-Free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-800-424-9393. Washington, DC area residents may call 1-202-386-0123.

If you no longer own this Yamaha:

If you have sold your motorcycle to another party, please call us toll-free at 1-800-962-7926 with the name and address of the new owner.

We're sorry to cause you any inconvenience, but we are sincerely concerned about your safety and continued satisfaction with our products. Thank you for giving your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Customer Support Group
Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A.

ROUTE TO: SERVICE PARTS WARRANTY SALES

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