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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports[1]

On March 17, 2014, Ducati Motor Holding, SPA **[MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No.** 577 **) exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports.**

Date this report was prepared: April 2, 2014

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): RCL 14-001

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Ducati Motor Holding, SPA

Via Cavalieri Ducati, 3 40132 Bologna, Italy

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

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[1] Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Enforcement, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. George Person at (202) 366-5210, by FAX at (202) 366-7882, or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov.

I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, ***for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide*****:**

Make(s): DUCATI **Model Years Involved:** 2012-2013 **Model(s):** 1199 Panigale Standard

Production Dates: Beginning: 04 April 2012 **Ending:** 11 Feb. 2013

VIN Range: Beginning: ZDM14BPW0CB001709 **Ending:** ZDM14BPWXDB011181

Vehicle Type: MC **Bodystyle:** _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

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Make(s): DUCATI **Model Years Involved:** 2012-2013 **Model(s):** 199 Panigale S

Production Dates: Beginning: 27 March 2012 **Ending:** 8 March 2013

VIN Range: Beginning: ZDM14BPW0CB000401 **Ending:** ZDM14BPWXDB011634

Vehicle Type: MC **Bodystyle:** _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

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Make(s): _____ **Model Years Involved:** _____ **Model(s):** _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: _____ **Bodystyle:** _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

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Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Vehicles equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Vehicles of all Vehicles manufactured during that time period.

100%

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved
1199 Panigale	2012	1515
1199 Panigale	2013	568

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 2083

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance:

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined--in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

Ongoing quality tests on the motorcycles as manufactured, as well as the analysis of claim on the motorcycles in the field, have identified potential issue affecting some 1199 Panigale Model Year 2012 and some Model Year 2013.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

During ongoing quality testing, it has been found that failure of the left handlebar switch functionality is possible due to a non-compliant condition of the power supply from the dashboard to the left handlebar switch

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

The dashboard is responsible for the left handlebar switch power supply (5 volt). The non-compliance could cause a loss of power supplied between the dashboard and the left handlebar switch.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition, include a description of the safety risk.

Possible failure to supply the left handle bar switch with power can result in the absence of a functioning horn and malfunctioning of the right turn indicators, instrument panel display, and high beams.

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

The right turn indicator lights will not activate when the right turn indicator switch is selected.

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

Daschboard supplier is:

COBO spa

via Tito Speri, 10 - 25024 - Leno (Brescia) - Italy

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

CEO - Wolfango Cozzi

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

The first field report was received on August 14, 2012.

The defect is related to environmental temperature during the motorcycle's use. Quality testing initiated several months clarifying and replicating the issue.

V. Identify the Remedy

A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance. This 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 the manufacturer's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with §573.13 of this part. A manufacturer'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 the manufacturer's report to NHTSA under this section. If a manufacturer submits one or more general reimbursement plans, the manufacturer shall update each plan every two years, in accordance with §573.13. The manufacturer's remedy program and reimbursement plans will be available for inspection by the public at NHTSA headquarters.

An authorized Ducati dealer will install an additional wiring harness supplement at no cost for parts and labor to the customer.

9. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

The remedy for motorcycles past current production is an additional wiring harness (p/n.51029281A) that provides a steady 5 volt power supply to the left handlebar switch. For motorcycles in production and forward, the remedy is defined in a newly re-designed dashboard with improved hardware.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

For the field recall, an authorized Ducati dealer will install an additional wiring sub-harness (pn.51029281A) that provides a steady 5 volt power supply to left handlebar switch. For the production remedy, a new dedicated dashboard with improved hardware was implemented.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

Motorcycles in production are defined with a new dedicated dashboard with improved hardware.
The first VINs with the new dashboard in production are:
- ZDM14BPWXDB011245 (produced on 14 February 2013) for 1199 Panigale standard version;
- ZDM14BPW8DB011650 (produced on 11 March 2013) for 1199 Panigale S version.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

10. Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

A Ducati North America Recall Bulletin is to be published to the network of dealers through an established communication process. Therefore, no implementation issues are expected.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

11. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. ***A DRAFT copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov for review prior to mailing.***

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 579.5 requirements.