



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

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NEF-150TB  
16V-679

**Subject:** Final Drive Pulley Nut Insufficiently Tightened

Dear Mr. Laforte:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ducati North America'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/XDIAVEL/2016-2017

**Mfr's Report Date:** September 18, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-679

**Components:**

POWER TRAIN:DRIVELINE:DIFFERENTIAL UNIT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,433

**Problem Description:**

Ducati North America (Ducati) is recalling certain model year 2016-2017 Ducati XDiavel motorcycles manufactured July 7, 2015, to June 22, 2016. The affected motorcycles may have an insufficiently tightened final drive pulley retaining nut which may result in a loss of power transmission to the rear wheel.

**Consequence:**

A loss of power transmission to the rear wheel may increase the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Ducati will notify owners, and dealers will install a new washer under the final drive pulley retaining nut and increase the tightening torque, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin November 7, 2016. Owners may contact Ducati customer service at 1-800-231-6696. Ducati's number for this recall is RCL-16-003.

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

The Defect Information report that you submitted on September 18, 2016 describes two different safety defects affecting the same motorcycle. We can only process one safety defect with each filing. Please file a separate defect report for the side stand plate screw. Even with two separate defect filings, you will be able to combine the two into one owner notification letters as long as both NHTSA recall numbers are listed.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

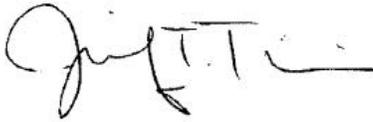
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification 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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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 Tariq Bond who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5472, or by email at [tariq.bond@dot.gov](mailto:tariq.bond@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement