

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

October 19, 2020

Mr. Brad Franklin Government Relations Manager Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA 6555 Katella Avenue Cypress, CA 90630

**Subject:** Decreased Reflectiveness of Rear Reflector Lens

Dear Mr. Franklin:

This letter serves to acknowledge Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA'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:

YAMAHA/MT-03/2020 YAMAHA/XMAX/2018-2020 YAMAHA/YZF-R3/2015-2020

Mfr's Report Date: October 5, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-611

**Components:** VISIBILITY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 31,000

## **Problem Description:**

Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA (Yamaha) is recalling certain 2015-2020 YZF-R3, 2020 MT03 and 2018-2020 XMAX scooters. Condensation or other contaminates may adhere to the rear reflector lens reducing its effectiveness.

# **Consequence:**

A less reflective rear reflector increases the risk of crash.

## Remedy:

Yamaha will notify owners, and dealers will replace the rear reflector, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in October 2020. Owners may contact Yamaha customer service at 1-888-266-3085. Yamaha's number for this recall is 990139.

### **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.

We have received Yamaha's proposed owner notification letter and approved it for distribution.



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Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 Sarah Shiver who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-7401, or by email at sarah.shiver@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Joshua Neff

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

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