



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

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NEF-107JK  
21V-627

**Subject:** License Plate Bracket May Contact Rear Wheel

Dear Ms. Grangruth:

This letter serves to acknowledge KTM North America, Inc.'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:**

HUSQVARNA/SVARTPILEN 701/2019-2020  
HUSQVARNA/VITPILEN 701/2018-2020

**Mfr's Report Date:** August 10, 2021

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 21V-627

**Components:**

STRUCTURE:MOTORCYCLE:FAIRING/COWLING/WINDSCREEN:MOUNTING FASTENERS/HARDWARE  
SUSPENSION:REAR:MOTORCYCLE FORK/SWINGARM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,506

**Problem Description:**

KTM North America, Inc. (KTM) is recalling certain 2018-2020 Husqvarna Motorcycle 701 Vitpilen and 2019-2020 701 Svartpilen motorcycles. The gear teeth on the license plate holder and swingarm may be positioned incorrectly, possibly resulting in a loose rear axle nut, causing the license plate holder to contact the rear wheel.

**Consequence:**

License plate bracket interference with the rear wheel can increase the risk of a crash or injury.

**Remedy:**

Dealers will inspect and realign the gear teeth on the license plate holder and swingarm, and inspect the tightness of the rear wheel axle collar, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed in August 2021. Owners may contact KTM customer service at 1-888-985-6090. KTM's number for this recall is HTB2106.

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



**Please ensure the following requirements are met:**

Per the requirements of 49 USC 30119, please provide the part number, name and description of the component or components involved in this recall. This information should be provided in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section.

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

As required in Part 573.6, please amend the chronology to provide a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information (such as the numbers of deaths and/or injuries), with their dates of receipt. If claim count exceeds 10 claims, please provide the total number of claims, and a receipt date range for those claims.

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

The information in your report suggests that KTM North America, Inc. may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

We've received KTM's proposed owner notification letter and approved it for distribution.

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).

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.

KTM North America, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Jennifer Kruger who may be reached by email at [jennifer.kruger@dot.gov](mailto:jennifer.kruger@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement