



SUZUKI MOTOR OF AMERICA, INC.

## IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

This Notice Applies to Your Suzuki Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)

June 28, 2019

Dear Suzuki Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Suzuki Motor Corporation has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2018 - 2019 model-year GSX250R/RZ/RZA motorcycles.

### **What is the defect and what will your dealership do to correct it?**

Water intrusion into the rear brake stop lamp switch can cause corrosion of internal parts, which can lead to the stop lamp failing to illuminate when only the rear brake is applied, or remaining illuminated continuously when the ignition is on. Failure of the stop lamp to illuminate when braking or continuous illumination of the stop lamp when the brakes are not being used increases the risk of a rear crash.

Your Suzuki dealer will install an improved rear stop lamp switch assembly. This procedure will take approximately one hour to complete. Parts are available now, and there will be no charge to you for any recall service-related parts or labor.

### **WARNING**

**Operating your motorcycle without having the recall service performed increases the risk of a rear crash.**

#### **To minimize the risk of a crash:**

- **Please do not ride nor allow anyone else to ride your motorcycle until this recall service has been completed.**
- **If you must ride your motorcycle before this safety recall service has been completed, check the stop lamp and other items for proper operation as outlined in the “INSPECTION BEFORE RIDING” checklist in section 4 of your owner’s manual before each ride.**
- **Be aware that the stop lamp may not illuminate if you use only the rear brake pedal. Apply the front and rear brakes together as outlined in your owner's manual.**

### **What you should do:**

Make sure you are prepared for the recall service by taking the following steps:

- Contact your dealer as soon as possible to make an appointment for the recall service. Be prepared to provide them with the VIN of your motorcycle (provided at the top of this notice).
- Please take this notice to your dealer to help your dealer process your claim.

**What to do if you receive this notice in error:**

This notice was mailed to you according to the latest information that is available to us. If you no longer own the Suzuki motorcycle described in this notice, please complete and return the attached Change of Address/Ownership card to Suzuki Motor of America, Inc., and forward this recall information to the current owner (if known).

Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

**Customer reimbursement for prior repairs related to this safety recall:**

If your motorcycle is included in this recall and you have paid for repairs to address failure of the rear brake stop lamp switch due to corrosion of internal parts, you may be eligible for full or partial reimbursement. Please note the following conditions for reimbursement:

- Only repairs made to address the defects that led to this recall are reimbursable. Additional expenses such as towing, car rental, accommodations, damage repairs, etc., will not be reimbursed. Reimbursement will not be provided for routine scheduled maintenance.
- Reimbursement may be limited to the suggested list price for parts, the Suzuki published flat-rate time allowance for the repair, and the labor rate that an authorized Suzuki dealer in the same area would charge for the same repair.
- An owner will not be eligible for reimbursement if the expenses for repairs are incurred more than 10 days after the date of this notice.
- Reimbursement claims may also be excluded when adequate documentation is not submitted by the claimant. This includes a proof of ownership, a repair order, and proof of payment for the repair.

To apply for reimbursement:

- 1) Go to [www.suzukicycles.com](http://www.suzukicycles.com).
- 2) Select Safety Recalls at the lower right side of the home page.
- 3) When the page refreshes, select Recall Notification Letters.
- 4) Select *GSX250R Rear Brake Stop Lamp Switch Replacement Reimbursement*.

**Who to contact if you experience problems:**

Your Suzuki dealer can provide you the fastest response to your questions or concerns about this safety recall campaign. If you have any difficulty with this recall campaign, you may contact the Suzuki Motor of America, Inc., Customer Service Department for assistance at (714) 572-1490 during the hours of 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM Pacific Time. Please have your vehicle identification number (VIN) ready when calling.

If you need to locate your nearest Suzuki Motorcycle Dealer, please visit [www.suzukicycles.com](http://www.suzukicycles.com) and click on the "FIND A DEALER" tab, which is located in the upper right corner of our website.

If you believe that Suzuki Motor of America, Inc., has failed to provide the safety recall campaign service without charge or is unable to do so within a reasonable time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington D.C., 20590 or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-888-424-9153) or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

We apologize for any inconvenience this recall campaign causes you. We hope you understand that your safety and satisfaction are important priorities for us.

Sincerely,

Suzuki Motor of America, Inc.