

2008 YXR45FX /FHX /FSPX & YXR70FX /FDUX /FHX /FSEPX /FSP2X /FSPX
FACTORY MODIFICATION CAMPAIGN – Left Front Brake Caliper
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Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. posts this notice as a service to Yamaha customers and potential Yamaha customers. We have determined a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2008-model YXR45FX (Rhino 450), YXR45FHX (Rhino 450 Hunter), YXR45FSPX (Rhino 450 Special Edition), YXR70FX (Rhino 700FI), YXR70FDUX (Rhino 700FI Ducks Unlimited), YXR70FHX (Rhino 700FI Hunter), YXR70FSEPX/FSP2X (Rhino 700FI Special Edition models), and YXR70FSPX (Rhino 700FI Sport Edition) Side x Side vehicles.

Affected Models:

2008 YXR45FX, Rhino 450
2008 YXR45FHX, Rhino 450 Hunter
2008 YXR45FSPX, Rhino 450 SE
2008 YXR70FX, Rhino 700FI
2008 YXR70FDUX, Rhino 700FI Ducks Unlimited
2008 YXR70FHX, Rhino 700FI Hunter
2008 YXR70FSEPX/FSP2X, Rhino 700FI SE (2)
2008 YXR70FSPX, Rhino 700FI Sport Edition

VIN Range:

AJ32Y-001001~001598
AJ30Y-000501~000897
AJ34Y-000201-000794
AM16Y-000101~003000
AM20Y-000101~000700
AM18Y-000101~000800
AM23Y-000101~001000
AM21Y-000101~001200

The reason for this recall: In affected vehicles, some of the left front brake calipers may have been incorrectly machined, preventing the union joint (“banjo”) bolt from sealing properly against the caliper. This condition could result in a brake fluid leak and reduced braking ability, which could cause loss of control. If this happens, there is a risk of personal injury to the operator, passenger, or bystanders.

What Yamaha has done: To correct this possible defect, Yamaha is initiating a Factory Modification Campaign in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Vehicles in the affected range must have the caliper inspected for a mark which identifies affected calipers and, if found, have the caliper replaced with a new one. We estimate that approximately 20% of the affected range has the potentially defective caliper, so approximately 80% of units will need inspection only with no replacement necessary.

What you should do now: You should not drive your Rhino until this important inspection, and if necessary, modification is performed. If you are not the first owner of the Rhino, and are unsure if this inspection/modification has been done, contact any authorized Yamaha Dealer to check. Any authorized Yamaha Dealer can supply this part. For the name and location of a dealer near you, call 1-800-88-YAMAHA or visit the Dealer Locator section of this website.