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Subject: **ROCKER ARMS FOR ENGINE VALVE CONTROL**

Product: **DESMOQUATTRO ENGINES**

We wish to inform that effective from January 2001, engines on object manufactured and fitted on M.Y. 2001 bikes are equipped as standard with new rocker arms for engine valve control.

New references for these rocker arms are the following:

20810017A Rh opening rocker arm
20810027A Lh opening rocker arm

20910017A Rh closing rocker arm
20910027A Lh closing rocker arm

The new rocker arms are perfectly interchangeable with all previous versions starting from first Ducati 851 model.

These new rocker arms are the only ones available at our Spare Parts Dept., also for previous versions replacement.

We are convinced the introduction of these new rocker arms will solve any possible problem related to engine valve control surfaces early wear.

Let us however remind you that early wear might also be connected to the following causes:

- failure to check engine valve clearance at intervals specified in the preventive maintenance schedule, listed in the Ducati warranty instructions;
- engine valve clearance not complying with specifications given in the Ducati workshop manual;
- lubricant not complying with specifications given in the Ducati owner's manual.

Please be informed that future replacement of worn rocker arms under warranty will be accepted only for those parts showing manufacturing defects.

Due to the great difficulty to identify motorcycles mounting rocker arms affected by a manufacturing defect, and furthermore, considering that this problem does not endanger riders' safety, nor may damage engine parts, Ducati has no plans for preventive recall campaigns.

We thank You in advance for your attention and cooperation, and remain

Yours sincerely,
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