



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

DOT Auto Safety Hotline
Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire
To Report Vehicle Safety Defects
1-888-DASH-2-DOT
(1-888-327-4236)
INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City YARDLEY

State PA

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☒ YES ☐ NO

In the absence of an
Signature of Owner [Signature] Date 6/23/04

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side

JYAVP11E04

Make

YAMAHA

Model

FJR13AS

Model Year

2004

Date Purchased

5/5/04

Dealer's Name and Address

KAWASAKI-YAMAHA

(609) 888-1300

Engine:

No. Cylinders

Fuel Type:

GAS

Original Owner

☒

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

☐ Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

☐ Cruise Control

Vehicle Component Code

223000 SEATS: MOTORCYCLE

Multiple Failures: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

12-JUN-2004

Failure Mileage

28C

Failure Speed

~5 MPH

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/85R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTMA5ABC036)

☐ Original Equipment

☐ Prior Repair

Failure Location:

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make:

Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type:

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part:

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash

☐ Yes ☒ No

Fire

☐ Yes ☒ No

Number of Persons Injured

1

Number of Deaths

0

Reported to Police

N

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure, i.e. parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

BOLT THAT HOLDS THE PASSENGER SEAT IN PLACE DISENGAGED WHILE PULLING AWAY AT A RED LIGHT, CAUSING THE PASSENGER TO FALL OFF THE MOTORCYCLE. *AK

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a Manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.

June 14, 2004

Yardley, PA

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a narrative of the events of June 12, 2004 involving my Yamaha V-Star Classic 1000 motorcycle as I recall them.

I purchased my motorcycle new from the Yamaha dealership at 2635 South Broad Street in Trenton, NJ, on May 5, 2004. By the afternoon of June 12, 2004, I had ridden the motorcycle approximately 245 miles with no problems. The vehicle passed its PA state safety inspection without incident.

At about 3 p.m. on the afternoon of June 12, 2004, I rode the cycle to a high school graduation party about five miles from my home with my 15 year old son, [REDACTED] riding on the back of the bike. During the three hours I was at the party, I took two people who were attending the party on brief rides on the motorcycle, parking the vehicle in the driveway of the host's home between the rides. At approximately 5:30 p.m. I left the party and drove home, again with my son on the passenger seat. During the drive home I reached top speeds of about 50 mph. Upon arriving home, I contacted my father-in-law, [REDACTED] who had earlier requested a ride on the motorcycle. He was available and I had the time to take him on the ride, so I drove the half mile to his home to pick him up. We had ridden about two miles from his home when we stopped at the red light at the junction of PA Route 332 and Interstate 95 in Lower Makefield Township. I spoke to [REDACTED] to ask him how he was enjoying the ride just before the light turned green, and he said that he was having a great time. The light changed and I started through the intersection. I heard a horn honk, and sensed somehow that [REDACTED] was no longer behind me on the motorcycle. I stopped in the middle of the intersection and looked behind me. I saw [REDACTED] lying on the pavement on his back, with the passenger seat from the motorcycle next to him. After parking the cycle in the emergency lane, I went to help him. He was able to stand up, but had sustained a laceration on his left elbow. We walked to where the cycle was parked in the emergency lane where someone passing by stopped to assist us. I called my wife who came in her car to pick up her father, then followed me to our home where the motorcycle has remained parked since the incident. I am an Emergency Department physician, and I was able to repair [REDACTED]'s laceration with five sutures at my home. At this time, he seems to be healing well and his only other injury appears to be a small contusion on the left side of his back.

An inspection of the motorcycle immediately after the incident revealed that the bolt that holds the back of the passenger seat in place on the rear fender of the motorcycle had worked its way loose and fallen out, leaving the seat itself held in place only by a flange on its front aspect. The lost bolt was subsequently discovered in the driveway of the home where the party had been held earlier in the afternoon. It is impossible to say just when it fell out, but it is possible that I took the two guests at the party and it is a certainty that I took my son and father-in-law on the motorcycle with the seat loose.