



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)
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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name			Daytime Telephone Number		E-mail Address	
Address						
City		State	Zip Code		Evening Telephone Number	
ALEXANDRIA		VA				

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? YES NO
In the absence of your signature, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner: _____ Date: 12/16/2007

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side JYAVP02EX				Make YAMAHA	Model MIDNIGHT STAR	Model Year 2003
Date Purchased 12-OCT-02	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number CYCLE SPORT			Engine: No: Cylinders 2	Fuel Type: Gas	
Original Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dealer's City ALEXANDRIA		State VA	Zip Code		
Transmission Type MANUAL	<input type="checkbox"/> Antilock Brakes	Powertrain REAR WHEEL DRIVE	Vehicle Component Code 100000 POWER TRAIN			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control		Multiple Failure: 1			

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 25-AUG-2007	Failure Mileage 28378	Failure Speed 70	
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ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make	Tire Model (Name or Number)		Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured 0	Number of Deaths 0	Reported to Police N
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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).

I AM WRITING IN REGARD TO THE TRANSMISSION FAILURE THAT I EXPERIENCED ON SATURDAY, THE 25TH OF AUGUST, 2007 ON MY 2003 MIDNIGHT ROADSTAR. FIFTH GEAR WAS LOST WHILE I WAS LEADING A GROUP OF MOTORCYCLES ON THE INTERSTATE. AT THE TIME OF THE FAILURE, I HEARD A LOUD METALLIC CLICK, AND THOUGHT OF A BREAKAGE OF THE CIRCLIP. THIS FAILURE HAD THE POTENTIAL TO RESULT IN THE IMMEDIATE LOCKUP OF THE TRANSMISSION, AND RESULTANT LOCKUP OF THE REAR WHEEL. THIS EVENT COULD HAVE LED TO A CATASTROPHIC CRASH BECAUSE IT OCCURRED AT HIGHWAY SPEEDS WITH A GROUP OF MOTORCYCLES IMMEDIATELY BEHIND ME. IN FIFTH GEAR, NO POWER AT ALL IS PROVIDED TO THE DRIVE BELT. GEARS 1-4 AND NEUTRAL CONTINUED TO OPERATE NORMALLY DURING THIS PERIOD. A LOCAL YAMAHA DEALER (CYCLE SPORT OF ALEXANDRIA, VA) HAS WORKED ON THE TRANSMISSION ON TWO PREVIOUS OCCASIONS; ONCE TO REPLACE THE CLUTCH IN NOVEMBER 2003, AND ONCE TO ACCOMPLISH THE TRANSMISSION RECALL INVOLVING THE REPLACEMENT OF A CIRCLIP THAT, UPON FAILURE, COULD RESULT IN IMMEDIATE LOCKUP OF THE TRANSMISSION, LEADING TO POTENTIAL IMMEDIATE LOCKUP OF THE REAR WHEEL. I HAVE FOLLOWED THE DEALER'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE ENGINE OIL (WHICH IS SHARED BY THE TRANSMISSION) SINCE DELIVERY OF THE VEHICLE WHEN IT WAS NEW. MY BELIEF IS THAT IT IS REASONABLE TO EXPECT RELIABLE TRANSMISSION SERVICE BEYOND 28,000 MILES. MY CONCERNS INCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE RECALL WAS NOT PERFORMED

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.