



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 14-025
Date Opened: 08/04/2014
Investigator: Robert Young
Approver: Frank Borris
Subject: Motorcycle Fires
Reviewer: Bruce York-B

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Bombardier Recreational Products Inc.
Products: 2008-14 Can-Am Spyder
Population: 52,408 (Estimated)
Problem Description: Motorcycle fire while in operation.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	1	TBD	1
Crashes/Fires:	1	TBD	1
Injury Incidents:	0	TBD	0
Number of Injuries:	0	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD
Other*:	1	TBD	1

***Description of Other:** Fire identified in a subject vehicle web forum:
<http://www.spyderlovers.com/forums/showthread.php?70542-2013-RT-Fire-26-July-2014>

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open a PE to gather more information about the alleged vehicle fires.

Summary:

In the past 19 months, BRP has conducted three safety recalls to address defects that could result in a fire on the subject vehicles (12V-581, 12V-582, and 13V-386). Recently ODI became aware of two fires (both occurring within 10 days of the opening of this investigation). These recent fires appear to be unrelated to the issues covered by the previously released safety recalls.

The first fire, involving a MY 2011 Spyder RT used as a traffic enforcement vehicle by the Morgantown, WV police department, occurred on 7-20-14 and is documented in consumer complaint 10615679.

The second, involving a MY 2013 Spyder RT SE5, occurred in the Mojave desert region of California on 7-26-14. ODI became aware of this incident through a posting (with photos) on [www.Spyderlovers.com](http://www.spyderlovers.com).

The Office of Defects Investigation is opening this Preliminary Evaluation (PE) to gather more information about these fires, their origin, and their cause.

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