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August 10, 2004

George Person
Chief
Recall Management Division
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Washington, D.C.
Via Facsimile (2020 366-7882

04V-395
(4 pages)

Re: American IronHorse Motorcycle Company, Inc. Defect Notification

Dear Mr. person:

Please accept for filing the enclosed Defect Notification Report supplementing and amending the Report filed August 6, 2004. Please contact the undersigned with any comments.

Sincerely,

Lewis D. Schwartz

LDS:ml

cc: David Patty

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report[1]

On August 6, 2004, American IronHorse Motorcycle Company [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exits in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Date this report was prepared: August 6, 2004

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): N/A

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer/brand name/trademark owner of the recalled item of equipment. If the recalled item of equipment is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Yuasa Battery, Inc. Reading, PA 1-866-431-4784

Part Number YTX24HL

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

American IronHorse Motorcycle Co., 4600 Blue Mound Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76106

Attention: David Patty – Warranty Manager

Telephone Number: (817) 665-2074 **Fax No.:** (817) 665-2049

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

David Patty

Warranty Manager

Signed:

[1]Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. Jon White at (202) 366-5227 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.

SUPPLEMENTAL DEFECT RECALL REPORT

American IronHorse Motorcycle Company, Inc. filed an initial report on August 6, 2004 regarding a safety defect for an item of original equipment included on all of its 2004 model motorcycles. This supplemental report supplements and amends that report and in case of any conflicts between the two reports, this report controls.

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OFFICE OF DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

On August 4, 2004 American IronHorse Motorcycle Company, Inc. determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the motor vehicles listed below and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573.

This report was prepared August 10, 2004.

1. American IronHorse Motorcycle Company, Inc. is the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicles being recalled. Yuasa Battery, Inc. is the fabricating manufacturer/brand name/trademark owner of the item of original equipment being recalled, a battery, Part Number YTX24HL. Yuasa Battery, Inc.'s business address is 2901 Montrose Ave, Reading, Pennsylvania 19605 and its business telephone number is 610-929-5781.

2. The defect is the failure, during operation of the motorcycle, of a battery, Part Number YTX24HL manufactured by Yuasa Battery, Inc., that is original equipment on motorcycles manufactured by American IronHorse Motorcycle Company, Inc. for the model year 2004. The battery failure causes the motorcycle engine to stop suddenly. The motorcycles were manufactured between August 23, 2003 and August 4, 2004. Models manufactured before the 2004 model year were equipped with a different battery and any 2004 models manufactured after August 4, 2004 will not have the YTX24HL battery.

3. American IronHorse Motorcycle Company, Inc. determined the recall population by calculating the total number of 2004 motorcycles produced with the YTX24HL battery, all of which could fail during operation of the motorcycle, creating a potential safety hazard. The following is a list of the models, all of which are 2004, of the motorcycles affected, the potential number of each model and the vehicle identification number ranges ("VIN") of each model:

Model	Number Potentially Affected	Vin Range
Texas Chopper	1,514	5L5TX044041000008 Through: 5L5TX066X41001505
Slammer	283	5L5SZ044041000015 Through: 5L5SZ166X41000110
Outlaw	206	5L5SY044041000008 Through: 5L5SY066641000151
Legend	116	5L5SC044041000016 Through: 5L5SC066241000131
Stalker	93	5L5SR044041000015 Through: 5L5SR055941000036
Tejas	27	5L5SJ044041000006 Through: 5L5SJ066541000002
LSC	18	5L5TH144041000013 Through: 5L5TH166741000024
Signature Series	1	5L5SS166141000002 Through: 5L5SS166141000002
Cutter	1	5L5TR044541000001 Through: 5L5TR044541000001
Total	2,263	

4. The following is a chronology of principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect relates to motor vehicle safety:

> Beginning in 2004, American IronHorse Motorcycle Company, Inc. began receiving claims that the battery on 2004 models would fail prematurely, although it was initially thought that it was a random problem with some of the batteries. As the number of battery failures grew, it was determined that there was a problem with this particular battery on these models of motorcycles and on August 4, 2004 it was determined that sudden failures of the battery could be a safety issue if failures occurred during operation at a high speed. After consultation with the battery manufacturer, it was determined that a recall was necessary.

5. American IronHorse Motorcycle Company, Inc.'s plan for remedying the defect is to replace all Yuasa YTX24HL batteries with YTX20HL batteries which do not fail during operation causing the motorcycle engine to stop suddenly. It will notify all owners to bring their vehicle to a dealer for a free replacement of the battery. Owners who paid to have the battery replaced before the defect was discovered will be reimbursed for reasonable costs they incurred in replacing the battery. Yuasa Battery, Inc. is working with American IronHorse Motorcycle Company, Inc. to provide the replacement batteries to dealers as soon as possible. The estimated date on which recall notices will be sent to vehicle owners is August 20, 2004.

6. To date, American IronHorse Motorcycle Company, Inc. has not sent any notices regarding the defect to its dealers. When it does, a copy will be filed to supplement this report.

7. American IronHorse Motorcycle Company, Inc. will provide the NHTSA Office of Defects Investigation with a copy of its proposed owner notification letter no fewer than five federal government business days before it intends to begin mailing it to owners.