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573.6 Defect Information Report

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Vehicle manufacturer's full name:

Polaris Industries Inc., Victory Motorcycle Division

Address:

2100 Highway 55
Medina, MN 55340-9800

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Vehicles potentially containing defect:

2003 Victory Vegas models

Vehicle Identification Numbers:

List of affected VINs attached.

Inclusive dates of manufacture:

Victory Vegas models assembled from 6-25-02 through 6-17-03.

Basis for recall population:

All 2003 Vegas models assembled with fuel tank part number 1013821.

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Total number of vehicles potentially containing defect:

A total of 1,635 vehicles may contain this defect.

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Percentage of vehicles estimated to actually contain defect:

All vehicles assembled with the 1013821 fuel tank contain the defect.

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Brief Summary:

Material around the brazed vent tube joint located at the bottom right side of the fuel tank (part number 1013821) may fatigue and leak fuel.

Detailed description:

The fuel tank used for the 2003 Victory Vegas motorcycle, part number 1013821, is designed to vent to the outside atmosphere through a metal vent tube assembly which is welded to the inside of the fuel tank and exits out the bottom of the tank. The bracket supporting the vent tube inside of the tank may break. Such a condition may cause fatigue failure of the material around the brazed vent tube joint located at the bottom of the fuel tank, allowing fuel to leak from the tank.

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Chronology:

Recent warranty claims of a fuel tank rattle prompted an investigation into the cause of the failure. Victory's investigation led to the conclusion that premature fatigue of the vent tube support bracket was the cause. This could potentially result in a fuel leak. Even though no injuries related to this issue have been reported, Victory has concluded that the condition is safety related.

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Remedy program:

Victory will replace the fuel tanks on vehicles listed. Victory will also reimburse claimants who have paid for repairs due to this condition on or after August 23, 2004, unless those repairs have been covered under warranty.

Estimated date on which notifications to Owners will begin:

September 15, 2004

Estimated date on which notification will be completed:

September 29, 2004

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Owner letter:

A proposed owner notification letter will be provided as soon as it is available.

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Manufacturer's campaign number:

V-04-02

Signed: _____

Suzanne K. Peterson

Victory Motorcycle Division, Polaris Industries Inc.

Date: _____

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