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Administration**

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NVS-215
05V-095

Subject: THROTTLE TWIST GRIP

Dear MS. MCLENNAN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

VICTORY/NESS KINGPIN/2005
VICTORY/NESS VEGAS/2004-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-095

Recall Date: March 10, 2005

Components:

VEHICLE SPEED CONTROL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 774

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, THE THROTTLE TWIST GRIP MAY NOT RETURN TO THE FULLY CLOSED POSITION DUE TO METAL TO METAL CONTACT OR DEBRIS BETWEEN THE THROTTLE TWIST GRIP AND THE HANDLEBAR.

Consequence:

RESTRICTED THROTTLE MOVEMENT COULD RESULT IN A LOSS OF CONTROL, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL DISASSEMBLE THE THROTTLE MECHANISM, CLEAN THE TWIST GRIP ASSEMBLY AND HANDLEBAR, LUBRICATE MOVING PARTS AND REASSEMBLE. ANY WORN OR DAMAGED PARTS WILL BE REPLACED. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON MARCH 28, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT VICTORY AT 1-763-417-8650.

Notes:

POLARIS/VICTORY RECALL NO. V-05-01. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin on March 28, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2005.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division