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NVS-215
05V-115

Subject: FRONT FORK LEG CLAMP PRESSURE

Dear MS. PETERSON:

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/TOURING CRUISER/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-115

Recall Date: March 23, 2005

Components:
STRUCTURE:FRAME AND MEMBERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 271

Summary:
ON CERTAIN MOTORCYCLES, DURING MANUFACTURE, THE CLAMP PRESSURE ON THE FRONT FORK LEGS WAS INCORRECTLY SET.

Consequence:
INADEQUATE CLAMP PRESSURE ON THE FORK LEGS COULD CAUSE THE FORKS TO SLIDE UP THROUGH THE TRIPLE CLAMPS DURING HIGH IMPACT, E.G., HARD BRAKING, HITTING LARGE BUMPS, POTHOLES, ETC. SUCH A CONDITION COULD AFFECT THE HANDLING CONDITIONS OF THE MOTORCYCLE, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL RE-TIGHTEN THE FORK LEG CLAMPS TO THE PROPER SPECIFICATIONS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON MARCH 28, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT POLARIS/VICTORY AT 1-763- 417-8650 OR WWW.VICTORY-USA.COM.

Notes:

POLARIS/VICTORY RECALL NO. V-05-02. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

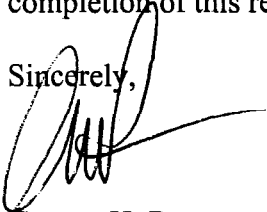
As discussed in your telephone conversation with Mrs. Pat Wallace on March 18, 2005, Polaris/Victory plans to telephone the 24 registered owners and have them bring in their motorcycles for repair. Polaris/Victory is aware that if the completion rates are not favorable, a follow-up owner letter, in accordance with the regulations, will need to be sent to each consumer at a later date.

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 during March 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