

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report¹

On 6th Feb, 2006, Triumph Motorcycles Ltd [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. _____) 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: 16TH FEB 06

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): _____

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Charles Smart, Warranty Dept, Triumph Motorcycles Ltd, Normandy Way, Hinckley, Leics, LE10 3BZ, England

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

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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Charles Smart, Dept Head Warranty.

Signed: _____



¹Each 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.

I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:

Make(s): TRIUMPH Model Years Involved: 2006 Model(s):
ROCKET

Production Dates: Beginning: 07 2005 Ending: N/A

VIN Range: Beginning: 241570 Ending: N/A

Vehicle Type: M/C Bodystyle: CRUISER

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

NONE

Make(s): _____ Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): _____ Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Widgets equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then

what was the percentage of the recalled Widgets of all Widgets manufactured during that time period.

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved</u>
ROCKET	2006	33*

* BASED ON NO OF REGISTRATIONS

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 33

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: NOT KNOWN _____

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined--in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

The recall population was determined by reviewing the total number of affected motorcycles to date sold to customers – information taken from Triumph’s own records.

It is presumed that 100% of those bikes PDI’d by dealers up to the date of issue of the correct information are at risk and require attention.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

The handle bar clamp arrangement for the Triumph Rocket 3 changed at Vin 241570. The bolts used to secure the clamp require a torque of 45Nm. The instruction-advising dealers to apply the aforementioned torque value were not confirmed to dealers till Jan 2006. Since the previous torque value for the predecessor clamp assembly was less than 45Nm, the possibility of the handlebar clamp not securely gripping the handlebars exists. The remedy is to have the correct torque applied.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Possible undertorquing of handle bar clamp bolts

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

The handlebars may loosen.

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

It is anticipated that the h/bars are most likely to move when owners maybe manoeuvring the machine at walking pace where maximum input via the handle bars is likely.

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

N/A

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

N/A

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

The non compliance became apparent during a review of instructions.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

N/A

V. Identify the Remedy

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

The fitment of the handlebar clamp is a task undertaken at Pre Delivery Inspection by dealers. Triumph changed the clamp design at Vin 241570 but did not communicate to dealers the new torque value for the bolts used to secure the clamp until January 2006. We therefore need to address those machines PDI'd prior to the notification of the correct torque figure.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

none

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

Instructions to dealers containing the correct torque value were circulated Jan 06.

This is not a production related issue.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

It is intended to advise dealers and customers within the next 2 days

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. *A DRAFT copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing.*

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 573.8 requirements.