



May 28, 2010

By email only

Mr. Daniel Smith  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
NHTSA/Enforcement/ODI, NVS-215  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., W46-421  
West Building, Fourth Floor  
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Initial Defect Information Report Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573**

Dear Mr. Smith:

Bombardier Recreational Products Inc and BRP US Inc. determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety may exist in our MY 2010 Spyder™ RS SE5 2nd Series and RT SE5 roadster. We are reporting the currently available information required by 49 CFR Part 573.6.

• **573.6 (c) (1) Name of manufacturer:**

The affected vehicles were manufactured by Bombardier Recreational Products Inc., 726 Saint-Joseph Street, Valcourt, Quebec Canada J0E 2L0 and imported into the United States by BRP US Inc., 10101 Science Drive, Sturtevant, Wisconsin, USA 53177.

Contact person with respect to this recall is Marie-Claude Simard, Senior Legal Counsel, Bombardier Recreational Products Inc., 726 St-Joseph Street, Valcourt, Quebec, Canada J0E 2L0, T 450-532-6195, marie-claude.simard@brp.com

• **573.6 (c) (2) Identification of the Vehicles involved in the Recall:**

Some 2010 Spyder™ RS SE5 2nd Series models A2AA, A2AB, A2AC, A2AD, A2AE, A2AF, A2AV, B1AA, B1AB, B1AF

Some 2010 Spyder™ RT SE5 all models

The specific serial numbers will be enclosed in the final bulletin.

- **573.6 (c) (3) Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected:**

Approximately 1200.

- **573.6 (c) (4) Estimated percentage of Vehicles with the Defect:**

Unknown. 100% of the recalled vehicles will be subject to the remedy.

**573.6 (c) (5) Description of the Defect:**

When bringing a vehicle equipped with the SE5 semi-automatic transmission to a full stop, the clutch may remain engaged stalling the engine. Once the engine is stalled, it could be impossible to re-start and the rear wheel could be blocked. If this happens, it may be impracticable to push the vehicle off the roadway increasing the risk of a crash possibly resulting in injury or death.

- **573.6 (c) (6) Chronology of Events:**

As of May 17, 2010, BRP received 13 reports of clutch sticking that could lead or led to stalling of the vehicle. The first report was made on March 11, 2010.

After investigation, BRP determined the root cause and the possible consequences and has decided to launch a safety recall.

- **573.6 (c) (8) Program for Remedy of Defect:**

BRP is currently preparing to launch a voluntary safety campaign to remedy the condition.

BRP will notify each registered owner of an involved vehicle. BRP will also notify its dealers of the campaign. In addition, BRP will post a letter to dealer's attention on its dealer website along with the safety campaign bulletin. Information about the campaign will also be posted on BRP's public website [www.can-am.brp.com](http://www.can-am.brp.com). Vehicles will be repaired by authorized dealers. All of this will be performed at no charge.

We will send you shortly the Owner letter, Dealer letter and Safety Recall Bulletin.

**Remedy:**

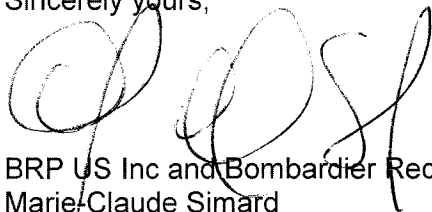
The remedy is to have the dealer update the centrifugal clutch assembly with new components (centrifugal weight roller, gasket ring, sealing washer, gasket).

**Remedy Schedule:**

To be determined.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MCS', written over the text 'Sincerely yours,'.

BRP US Inc and Bombardier Recreational Products Inc.

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