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573.6 Defect Information Report

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Vehicle manufacturer's full name:

Indian Motorcycle Company

Address:

2100 Highway 55
Medina, MN 55340-9800

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Vehicles potentially containing defect:

Model Year 2009, 2010 and 2011 Indian Motorcycles.

7-26-2011 Revision:

MY 2009 Models: Chief Deluxe, Chief Roadmaster, Chief Standard, Chief Vintage

MY 2010 Models: Bomber, Classic, Dark Horse, Roadmaster and Vintage

MY 2011 Models: Classic, Dark Horse, Roadmaster, Blackhawk Dark, Blackhawk and Vintage

Inclusive dates of manufacture:

All Model Year 2009, 2010 and 2011 Indian Motorcycles are affected.

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Machines manufactured from December 10 through April 8, 2011.

Basis for recall population:

The component identified as the root cause of the issue was used on all model year 2009, 2010 and 2011 motorcycles.

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Total number of vehicles potentially containing defect:

A total of 699 vehicles that have been distributed to dealers in the United States may contain this defect. 423 of these machines have been warranty registered to consumers.

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Percentage of vehicles estimated to actually contain defect:

Indian Motorcycle Company estimates that 100 percent of the manufactured units within the identified date range may have this defect.

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Brief Summary:

Indian Motorcycle Company has determined that a defect may exist due to a failure to meet FVMSS 571.123; Motorcycle Controls and Display. Indian Motorcycle Company has determined that the side stand may not “fold rearward and upward if it contacts the ground when the motorcycle is moving forward.”

Detailed description:

Polaris Industries Inc. (Polaris) recently purchased Indian Motorcycle Company. In connection with this acquisition, Polaris has been evaluating the design of the pre-existing motorcycles produced by Indian Motorcycle Company. This design review process revealed this issue which concerns the side stand retraction feature.

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Chronology:

There have been no field reports or injuries reported for this issue.

Upon determining that the side stand on the existing Indian Motorcycles was suspect, Polaris conducted the necessary SAE tests to determine if the side stand met the standards set forth in FVMSS 571.123. The tests were completed on or about June 21, 2011 and those tests revealed that the side stand did not meet the required standards. Upon learning the results of those tests, Polaris began the process for correcting this condition.

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Remedy program:

For machines that have been shipped to its dealer network, Indian Motorcycle Company will conduct a safety recall by which we will require our dealer network to replace the side stand with a design which does meet FVMSS 571.123.

Estimated date on which notifications to Owners will begin:
Information will be supplied separately. No exact schedule is available at this time, but owners will receive notification within the next 60-days.

July 26, 2011 Revision:
Owner notification will begin on August 5, 2011.

Estimated date on which notification will be completed:
See above.

July 26, 2011 Revision
Estimated date on which notification will be completed: August 12, 2011.

Signed: Don L. Good Date: 7-26-2011
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