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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 Brake Pedal Connecting Rod Pins Replacement – MY 2010 Can-Am[™] Spyder[™] RT Series roadsters

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 Can-Am Spyder RT series roadsters. 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, Product Safety Advisor, 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:

MY 2010 Can-Am Spyder RT series roadsters. The specific serial numbers will be enclosed in the final bulletin.

> Ski-Doo Lynx Sea-Doo Evinrude Johnson Rotax Can-Am

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

Approximately 3259 in the United States.

• 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:

A pin securing the brake pedal connecting rod could disengage and eventually fall off. This could cause a total loss of main brake function without prior warning. This condition may increase the risk of a crash possibly resulting in injury or death.

573.6 (c) (6) Chronology of Events:

Three incidents were reported: one incident happened on June 28, 2011 in Canada with a vehicle owned by a consumer, a second incident happened on July 12, 2011 in Finland with a vehicle owned by BRP Finland and a third incident in United States on February 23, 2012. In the 3 instances, a loss of brake was experienced. No accident or injuries were reported. BRP started its investigation as of the possible root cause when the 2 first incidents occurred. In light of the facts of the third case and with all the investigation made, BRP determined the probable root causes 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 BOSSWeb / Knowledge Center dealer websites along with the safety campaign bulletin. Information about the campaign will also be posted on BRP's public website <u>www.can-am.brp.com</u>. Vehicles will be repaired by authorized dealers. All of this will be performed at no charge.

Please see enclosed the proposed Owner letter and Dealer letter.

Remedy:

The solution is to replace the brake pedal connecting rod pins.

Remedy Schedule:

BRP will launch this recall in the week of April 16, 2012. Exact date will be confirmed.

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

Sincerely yours,

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