



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

September 10, 2013

Mr. Don Good
Sr. Product Safety Specialist
Indian Motorcycle Company
2100 Highway 55
Medina, MN 55340

NVS-215KS
13V-391

Subject: Rear Wheel Rim may Crack

Dear Mr. Good:

This letter serves to acknowledge Indian Motorcycle Company's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

INDIAN/BLACKHAWK/2011
INDIAN/BLACKHAWK DARK/2011
INDIAN/BOMBER/2010
INDIAN/CHIEF CLASSIC/2012-2013
INDIAN/CHIEF DELUXE/2009
INDIAN/CHIEF ROADMASTER/2009
INDIAN/CHIEF STANDARD/2009
INDIAN/CHIEF VINTAGE/2009
INDIAN/CLASSIC/2010-2011
INDIAN/DARK HORSE/2010-2013
INDIAN/ROADMASTER/2010-2011
INDIAN/VINTAGE/2010-2013

Mfr's Report Date: August 30, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-391

Components:

WHEELS:RIM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 861

Problem Description:

Indian Motorcycle Company (Indian) is recalling certain model year 2009 Deluxe and Standard, 2009-2011 Roadmaster, 2009-2013 Vintage, 2010 Bomber, 2010-2013 Classic and Dark Horse, 2011 Blackhawk Dark and Blackhawk motorcycles. The rear rim may crack and cause a loss of air pressure.

Consequence:

The cracked rim can lead to a flat rear tire, which could cause the rider to lose control, increasing the risk of a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

Indian will notify owners, and dealers will replace the rear rim, free of charge. Indian will mail an interim letter to owners in



September 2013. Owners will be mailed a follow up notification when parts are available, so they may schedule the repairs. Owners may contact Indian at 1-888-704-5290.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received Indian's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement