



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

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Washington, DC 20590

May 1, 2014

Mr. Don Good
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Polaris Industries, Inc.
2100 Highway 55
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NVS-215KS
14V-227

Subject: Insufficient Crankcase Clearance/Engine Seizure

Dear Mr. Good:

This letter serves to acknowledge Polaris Industries, Inc.'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:

VICTORY/BOARDWALK/2014
VICTORY/CROSS COUNTRY/2014
VICTORY/CROSS COUNTRY EIGHT BALL/2014
VICTORY/GUNNER/2015
VICTORY/HAMMER EIGHT BALL/2014
VICTORY/HIGH BALL/2014
VICTORY/JACKPOT/2014
VICTORY/JUDGE/2014
VICTORY/NESS CROSS COUNTRY/2014
VICTORY/VEGAS EIGHT BALL/2014
VICTORY/VISION/2014

Mfr's Report Date: May 1, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-227

Components:

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:ENGINE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 872

Problem Description:

Polaris Industries, Inc. (Polaris) is recalling certain model year 2014 Victory Cross Country, Cross Country Eight Ball, Hammer Eight Ball, High Ball, Jackpot, Judge, Ness Cross Country, Vegas Eight Ball, Vision, Boardwalk, and 2015 Victory Gunner motorcycles manufactured January 22, 2014, through April 25, 2014. The crankcase may have been machined incorrectly causing insufficient clearance between the crankshaft and crankcase, causing the engine to unexpectedly seize.

Consequence:

Engine seizure may cause the operator to lose control of the motorcycle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Polaris will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and correct the crankcase clearance, as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on May 1, 2014. Owners may contact Polaris customer service at 1-888-704-5290. Note: Owners are advised not to ride their motorcycle until the recall remedy has been performed.

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 Polaris'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:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

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