

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****15V-820****Manufacturer Name :** Polaris Industries, Inc.**Submission Date :** DEC 04, 2015**NHTSA Recall No. :** 15V-820**Manufacturer Recall No. :** L-15-02**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Polaris Industries, Inc.

Address : 7290 Vikings Blvd E

Wyoming MN 55092

Company phone : 888-704-5290

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 1,364

Estimated percentage with defect : 3

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2015-2015 Model Year 2015 GEM EL L15G2LGALA

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : HYBRID ELECTRIC

Descriptive Information : The affected vehicles were identified based on manufacturing records. The VINs identified contain all of the potentially affected machines.

Production Dates : DEC 15, 2014 - AUG 25, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2015-2015 Model Year 2015 GEM ES L15G2SGALA

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : HYBRID ELECTRIC

Descriptive Information : The seat belt for the affected vehicles do not comply with §571.209 Standard No. 209.

The seat belt's retraction mechanism can fail when it is pulled from the retractor. If the retractor fails, the seat belt stays in one position and can no longer be retracted or extended.

Production Dates : DEC 15, 2014 - AUG 25, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2015-2015 Model Year 2015 GEM E4 L15G4AGALA

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : HYBRID ELECTRIC

Descriptive Information : The affected vehicles were identified based on manufacturing records. The VINs identified contain all of the potentially affected machines.

Production Dates : DEC 15, 2014 - AUG 25, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2015-2015 Model Year 2015 GEM E4S L15G4SGALA

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : HYBRID ELECTRIC

Descriptive Information : The affected vehicles were identified based on manufacturing records. The VINs identified contain all of the potentially affected machines.

Production Dates : DEC 15, 2014 - AUG 25, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2015-2015 Model Year 2015 ELXD L15G2DGALA

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : HYBRID ELECTRIC

Descriptive Information : The affected vehicles were identified based on manufacturing records. The VINs identified contain all of the potentially affected machines.

Production Dates : DEC 15, 2014 - AUG 25, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2015-2015 Model Year 2015 GEM E6 L15G6AGALA

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : HYBRID ELECTRIC

Descriptive Information : The affected vehicles were identified based on manufacturing records. The VINs identified contain all of the potentially affected machines.

Production Dates : DEC 15, 2014 - AUG 25, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2015-2015 Model Year 2015 GEM E6S L15G6SGALA

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : HYBRID ELECTRIC

Descriptive Information : The affected vehicles were identified based on manufacturing records. The VINs identified contain all of the potentially affected machines.

Production Dates : DEC 15, 2014 - AUG 25, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2015-2015 Model Year 2015 GEM E2 L15G2AGALA

Vehicle Type : LIGHT VEHICLES

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : HYBRID ELECTRIC

Descriptive Information : The affected vehicles were identified based on manufacturing records. The VINs identified contain all of the potentially affected machines.

Production Dates : DEC 15, 2014 - AUG 25, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

Not sequential VINs

**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : The seat belt for the affected vehicles do not comply with §571.209 Standard No. 209.

The seat belt's retraction mechanism can fail when it is pulled from the retractor. If the retractor fails, the seat belt stays in one position and can no longer be retracted or extended.

FMVSS 1 : 209 - Seat belt assemblies

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The operator may not be able to properly wear the seat belt.

Description of the Cause : A manufacturing error caused damage to the retractor mechanism while it was being assembled.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : The operator would immediately recognize that the seat belt's retraction mechanism was not working correctly as the seat belt would not retract or extend.

**Supplier Identification :**

**Component Manufacturer**

Name : KSS

Address : 7000 Nineteen Mile Road

Sterling Heights MICHIGAN 48314

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

In July of 2015 an analysis of warranty claims indicated that the seat belts on the affected vehicles required investigation due to a slight increase in claims (to date, GEM has received a total of 39 warranty claims for this component) . Upon analyzing returned parts and discussions with the vendor it was determined that a manufacturing error was creating the field failures that have been observed. No consumer complaints, incidents or injuries have been reported to GEM due to this issue.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : GEM will release a service bulletin to GEM dealers instructing them to replace the seat belt assemblies on the affected vehicles.

GEM will send a Safety Recall Letter to all consumers of record instructing them to present their machine to a GEM dealer so that the repair can be performed at no cost to the consumer.

The following appears in the consumer letter regarding reimbursement: If you have had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information regarding reimbursement please contact your GEM dealer or the GEM Consumer Service Department using the information above.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The vendor has made changes to the retractor mechanism to prevent future incidents of this type.

The part number has been changed to reflect these changes.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : All vehicles built after 8-25-2015 have seatbelts with the new part number.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : GEM dealers will replace the seat belts on affected machines in their inventory. Consumers with affected machines will be contacted by mail instructing them to present their machine to a GEM dealer for a free replacement.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : DEC 15, 2015 - DEC 15, 2015

Planned Owner Notification Date : DEC 18, 2015 - DEC 18, 2015

\* NR - Not Reported