



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

November 7, 2017

Mr. Stephen Berg
Indian Motorcycle Company
7290 E. Viking Blvd
Wyoming, MN 55092

NEF-150KS
17V-682

Subject: Incorrect Headlight Installed/FMVSS 108

Dear Mr. Berg:

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/CHIEF/2017-2018
INDIAN/CHIEF CLASSIC/2017-2018
INDIAN/CHIEF DARK HORSE/2017-2018
INDIAN/CHIEF VINTAGE/2017-2018
INDIAN/CHIEFTAIN/2017-2018
INDIAN/CHIEFTAIN CLASSIC/2017-2018
INDIAN/CHIEFTAIN DARK HORSE/2017-2018
INDIAN/CHIEFTAIN ELITE/2017-2018
INDIAN/CHIEFTAIN LIMITED/2017-2018
INDIAN/SPRINGFIELD/2017-2018
INDIAN/SPRINGFIELD DARK HORSE/2017-2018

Mfr's Report Date: October 27, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-682

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:HEADLIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,096

Problem Description:

Indian Motorcycles Company (Indian) is recalling certain 2017-2018 Chief, Chief Classic, Chief Dark Horse, Chief Vintage, Chieftain, Chieftain Classic, Chieftain Dark Horse, Chieftain Elite, Chieftain Limited, Springfield, and Springfield Dark Horse motorcycles. These motorcycles may be equipped with a European-market, not US-market, halogen headlight assembly. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

Consequence:

The light output from the incorrect headlight can affect the motorcycle's visibility, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Indian will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the motorcycle and replace any incorrect headlight assembly, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in November 2017. Owners may contact Indian customer service at 1-877-204-3697. Indian's number for this recall is I-17-03.

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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.


Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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