



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

April 19, 2018

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

NEF-150JK  
18V-228

**Subject:** Motorcycle may Start Unexpectedly

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/2018  
INDIAN/CHIEF CLASSIC/2018  
INDIAN/CHIEF DARK HORSE/2018  
INDIAN/CHIEF VINTAGE/2018  
INDIAN/CHIEFTAIN/2018  
INDIAN/CHIEFTAIN CLASSIC/2018  
INDIAN/CHIEFTAIN DARK HORSE/2018  
INDIAN/CHIEFTAIN ELITE/2018  
INDIAN/CHIEFTAIN LIMITED/2018  
INDIAN/ROADMASTER/2018  
INDIAN/ROADMASTER CLASSIC/2018  
INDIAN/ROADMASTER ELITE/2018  
INDIAN/ROADMASTER ICON/2018  
INDIAN/SPRINGFIELD/2018  
INDIAN/SPRINGFIELD DARK HORSE/2018

**Mfr's Report Date:** April 10, 2018

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 18V-228

**Components:**

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 3,341

**Problem Description:**

Indian Motorcycle Company (Indian) is recalling certain 2018 Indian Chief, Chief Classic, Chief Dark Horse, Chief Vintage, Chieftain, Chieftain Classic, Chieftain Dark Horse, Chieftain Elite, Chieftain Limited, Springfield, Springfield Dark Horse, Roadmaster, Roadmaster Elite, Roadmaster Icon, and Roadmaster Classic motorcycles. Corrosion may develop within the right combination switch, potentially resulting in the motorcycle starting without the user's intent if the key fob is near the motorcycle and the required safety interlock conditions are met.

**Consequence:**

If the motorcycle starts unintentionally and is parked in an enclosed space, exposure to carbon monoxide may increase the risk of injury.

**Remedy:**

Indian will notify owners, and dealers will replace the right hand combination switch, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 19, 2018. Owners may contact Indian customer service at 1-877-204-3697. Indian's number for this recall is I-18-04.

**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](http://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:

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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 Jennifer Kruger who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-2461, or by email at [jennifer.kruger@dot.gov](mailto:jennifer.kruger@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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