



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

September 14, 2021

Mr. Kevin Van Bronkhorst  
Director of Post Sales Surveillance  
Indian Motorcycle Company  
2100 Highway 55  
Medina, MN 55340

NEF-107JK  
21V-681

**Subject:** Possible Loss Of Brake Lights From ECU Update

Dear Mr. Van Bronkhorst:

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/SCOUT BOBBER SIXTY/2020

**Mfr's Report Date:** September 2, 2021

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 21V-681

**Components:**

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:ENGINE:ENGINE CONTROL MODULE (ECU/ECM):SOFTWARE  
EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 177

**Problem Description:**

Indian Motorcycle Company (Indian) is recalling certain 2020 Scout Bobber Sixty motorcycles. An engine control unit (ECU) update may have caused the brake lights to become inoperable.

**Consequence:**

Inoperable brake lights can increase the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Owners will be asked to inspect their brake lights, and advised to not ride their motorcycle if the brake lights are inoperable. If the brake lights are not functioning, dealers will re-flash the ECU, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed September 27, 2021. Owners may contact Indian customer service at 1-877-204-3697. Indian's number for this recall is I-21-03.

**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.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Your company's program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of your company's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with § 573.13. Your company's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by § 573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in your company's report to NHTSA. If your company submits one or more general reimbursement plans, your company shall update each plan every two years (§ 573.13). If the vehicles are new and would be covered under the manufacturer's warranty program, please state that in the remedy section of your filing.

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

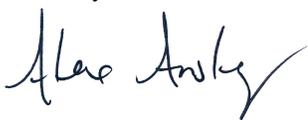
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification 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).

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.

Indian Motorcycle Company's contact for this recall will be Jennifer Kruger who may be reached by email at [jennifer.kruger@dot.gov](mailto:jennifer.kruger@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement