



U.S. Department
of Transportation

National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V397

Manufacturer Name: Indian Motorcycle Company

Submission Date: Jun 25, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V397

Manufacturer Recall No.: I-26-01

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Indian Motorcycle Company

Address: 2100 Highway 55
Medina MN, 55340

Total number of potentially involved: 392

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 INDIAN CHIEF

Product Category: Motorcycles

Product Type: Motorcycles

Fuel / Propulsion: Compression Ignition Fuel

Production Dates: Feb 04, 2025 - Apr 30, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 392

Descriptive Information:

Indian Motorcycle Company (IMC) has determined that some model year 2026 Chief Vintage models using a 16x3.5" rear wheel were manufactured with a VIN label that incorrectly displays the rear wheel width. Some vehicles produced up to 5/20/2026 are included in the population scope.

This VIN label discrepancy affects 2026 Indian Chief Vintage and 2026 Indian Chief Vintage Elite 125 models.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

VIN label for MY26 Chief Vintage units contains the incorrect rear rim width. The VIN label shows 16"x5" but actual rim size is 16"x3.5".

FMVSS1: 120 - Wheels and rims- other than passenger cars

FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

Incorrect service of rear rim could lead to improper tire fitment, which could lead to a potential for loss

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of control.

Description of the cause:

Incorrect VIN label information was populated in the Motorcycle Data Sheet and was not corrected during compliance and engineering review.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Not Applicable.

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier: Tier 1

Supplier Type: OEM

Name: Indian Motorcycle Company LLC

Address: 1900 US 71, Spirit Lake, IA, 51360
IA, 51360

Country: United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: DECAL-BLANK,VIN,IND

Component Description: VIN Label for all Indian Motorcycles.

Component Part Number: 7179986

Chronology

- On May 18, 2026, in an audit for information documentation, IMC found a discrepancy on the VIN Label for Indian Chief Vintage models.
- May 19, 2026 an update was made to the manufacturing documentation system updating the VIN Labels. Vehicles built on or after May 20, 2026 were produced with corrected VIN labels and in conjunction, IMC started an investigation.
- June 15, 2026 the IMC Executive Review Committee reviewed and agreed upon a violation of FMVSS 120.

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Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Mail Information/Labels

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Indian Motorcycle Company will inform dealers and customers of the reported concern and provide instructions to consumers to install a new rim callout decal overlayed on the VIN decal at no cost to consumers. Customers who paid to replace or service their vehicle for this condition prior to the recall notification may be eligible for reimbursement.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

Updated label corrects the rear rim size callout to the 3.5" width.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

On 5/19/2026 information feeding the VIN label data entry tool was updated to correct the VIN label callout. Vehicles built on or after 5/20/2026 have correct VIN label callouts.

Reimbursement Plan

Description of reimbursement program:

Customers who paid to replace or service their vehicle for this condition prior to the recall notification may be eligible for reimbursement.

Period of reimbursement:

Costs to be reimbursed:

Address for reimbursement claims:

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Upon approval, owner notification letters will be mailed no later than 60 days after submission of this report.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Jun 26, 2026 - Jul 31, 2026

☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:

☐ No Owners

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