

## DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. **Manufacturer's name/address:** Vision Wheels, Inc., 3512 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE, Decatur, AL 35601
2. **Equipment involved in this defect notification:** Aftermarket wheels, model "Warrior in Phantom Black finish", select 17" & 18" sizes
3. **Total number of vehicles or items of equipment:** Approximately 4,000 wheels.
4. **Approximate percentage of vehicles or equipment estimated to actually contain the defect:** The percentage is unknown, but estimated to be approximately 65 percent, based on inspections of field units.
5. **Description of the defect:** Insufficient machining of the hub bore for use of a hub centering ring may result in incorrect wheel mounting when the wheel is used with a hub ring. The insufficient machining and use of the supplied hub centering ring for these wheels may cause the wheel and tire assembly to become loose or potentially fall off during vehicle operation. Although the actual risk of this occurrence is hard to predict and depends on a variety of circumstances, if it occurred, it could lead to a loss of control and a vehicle crash. Vision Wheels has received no reports of injuries associated with this issue.
6. **Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:** In the first week of May 2012, Vision Wheels was notified by its distributor, Discount Tire/America's Tire, of a report of wheel separation, followed by a second report of wheel separation. Vision Wheels worked with Discount Tire/America's Tire to obtain units from inventory for inspection and evaluation, and determined that approximately 65% of the inspected units had the condition described in Item 5, above. Although no definitive correlation between the presence of the condition and the resultant wheel breakage has been identified, Vision Wheels has determined that it is appropriate to notify NHTSA and its customers of this potential defect, and to conduct a safety recall to inspect and, where necessary, replace the affected wheels.
7. **Description of proposed remedy (including schedule for dealer and customer notification):** Vision Wheels intends to work with its distributor, Discount Tire/America's Tire, to notify purchasers of these aftermarket wheels. The purchasers will be invited to bring their vehicles in for a wheel inspection at no cost. If the wheel is found to contain an affected hub bore (i.e. one with insufficient machining of the hub bore), the wheel will be replaced at no cost to the consumer. Consumers will be offered a financial incentive to participate in the recall. Vision Wheels and Discount Tire/America's Tire are prepared to begin customer notification immediately upon receipt of NHTSA's approval of the draft customer letter, which is included with this defect information report.
8. **Program for remedy campaign (including program for reimbursing any consumer who obtained the remedy at his/her own expense within one year prior to this 573 report):** As these wheels are relatively new and still covered under warranty, this item does not apply.