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National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF  
DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 03E-006 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: January 29, 2002

MANUFACTURER: AFX North America, Inc.

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Mr. Doug Hill, CEO

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**SUBJECT:** 30,478 model FX-3 motorcycle helmets manufactured prior to April 2002. The molding process unique to this model requires injection of the liner into the shell which has left weak spots in the front of the helmet. This does not comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard no. 218, "motorcycle helmets." In the event of a crash, the helmet may not adequately protect the wearer from serious injury or possible death.

This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

**NOTIFICATION TO PURCHASERS**

It is our understanding that AFX is in the process of developing a notification and remedy schedule. For your assistance, attached a sample of an owner notification letter that meets the requirements of Part 577, "Defect and Noncompliance Notification."

Also, Section 577.5(a) requires the marking of envelopes in which recall notification letters are sent. These envelopes shall bear, in all capital letters, the words "SAFETY,"

"RECALL" and "NOTICE," in any order. These words need to be a larger sized type than the consumer's name and address and also can be in bold print or in color.

Please provide us with a sample of your company's notification envelope, a draft of the owner notification letter for our review prior to mailing, and a proposed remedy schedule.

If you have any questions, please call:

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