

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

Assigned Recall No. 03V-130 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **March 31, 2003**

Date Faxed: **April 14, 2003**

Manufacturer: **Indian Motorcycle Corporation**

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SUBJECT: 1,643 Indian Motorcycle 2002-2003 Spirit and Scout motorcycles manufactured from November 30, 2001 through September 4, 2002. Due to the positioning of the gas tank vent tube, the vent tube can become clogged with debris, particularly in wet weather. Vent tube clogging can cause interruption of fuel flow to the carburetor, causing the motorcycle to stop. A clogged vent tube may also cause pressure to build up in the gas tank and push a small amount of gas out of the fuel filler cap seal.

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.

We have reviewed your draft owner notification letter. A statement of the risk involved needs to be added to the second paragraph, i.e., "Vent tube clogging ...causing the bike to come to a halt, increasing the risk of a crash;" and "A clogged vent tubepush a small amount of gas out of the fuel filler cap seal. Fuel leakage in the presence of an ignition source could result in a fire."

As stated in Part 573.6, 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. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during April 2003. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2003.

If you have any questions, please call:



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