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573.6 Defect Information Report

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Manufacturer's full name:

LeMans Corporation

Address:

3501 Kennedy Road, P.O. Box 5222
Janesville, WI 53547-5222

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Motor Vehicle Equipment potentially containing defect:

This recall involves two accessory seats for Victory motorcycles, which are: Part Number 2876641-01 Seat, Kingpin Touring, Double Backrest and Part Number 2875961-01 Seat, Jackpot Touring W/backrest. These seats, including the backrest support bar at issue in this report, were produced for Victory by:

LeMans Corporation
3501 Kennedy Road, P.O. Box 5222,
Janesville, WI 53547-5222
Phone: 608-758-1111

Inclusive dates of manufacture:

Approximately January 1, 2004 through May 1, 2011.

Basis for recall population:

The issue is due to an inconsistent manufacturing process at the vendor. Victory is conducting additional testing to determine whether the issue can be isolated to a specific date range. If it cannot, Victory will conduct a recall whereby the population is all of

Part Number 2876641-01 Seat, Kingpin Touring, Double Backrest and Part Number 2875961-01 Seat, Jackpot Touring W/backrest.

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Total number of Motor Vehicle Equipment that could potentially contain the defect:

A total of 1688 of the potentially affected accessories were received by Victory from the vendor.

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Percentage of Motor Vehicle Equipment estimated to actually contain the defect:

Victory estimates that less than one percent of the manufactured units within the identified date range may have this defect.

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Brief Summary:

Victory has determined that a defect may exist for the backrest support for Part Number 2876641-01 Seat, Kingpin Touring, Double Backrest and Part Number 2875961-01 Seat, Jackpot Touring W/backrest which may cause the support for the backrest to separate. If the backrest support were to separate, a passenger riding on the motorcycle could fall off the motorcycle.

Detailed description:

Victory has determined that some of the backrest supports used for Part Number 2876641-01 Seat, Kingpin Touring, Double Backrest and Part Number 2875961-01 Seat, Jackpot Touring W/backrest could have been manufactured with a stress riser in the bend area of the support. If this stress riser were to exist, it is possible for the metal to separate due to metal fatigue and/or an overload situation.

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Chronology:

Victory is aware of one field report of a backrest support separation that occurred in the United States. This incident resulted in injuries to the passenger who was riding on the motorcycle.

This failure was reported to Victory by letter dated November 3, 2010 addressed to Polaris Consumer Service. At this time, Victory made arrangements to inspect the seat involved in the incident. This inspection took place on January 26, 2010. Following this inspection, Victory placed a hold on and inspected all existing inventory. No additional defective backrests were identified through this inspection. Victory, through its counsel, also contacted LeMans to arrange for a quality review of the LeMans production process. Although Victory requested that this review take place in a very timely manner, these efforts were delayed by LeMans' request to have counsel present during the inspection.

On May 26, 2011, Victory received a second field report of an incident that occurred outside the United States. This incident involved a backrest support separation and resulted in injuries to the passenger who was riding the motorcycle.

Victory immediately began an investigation which involved communication and visits to the vendor's manufacturing facility. Victory also engaged outside vendors to perform metallurgical and electron microscopic analysis of the failed parts. The metallurgical analysis was inconclusive. Victory received a preliminary report from the microscopic analysis on June 29, 2011, which indicated that the separation was caused by the stress riser and that the stress riser was created in the production process. Victory is also conducting fatigue testing on the backrest support bars in question. While this testing is not complete, Victory has concluded that some small percentage of the before mentioned accessories could contain a defect which could result in an accident for the passenger of a machine equipped with the before mentioned accessories.

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Remedy program:

These accessories are not date coded nor do they have serial numbers that can be traced. Victory does know that these parts will only fit on model year 2004 through 2011 Victory Kingpin motorcycles and model year 2006 through 2011 Victory Jackpot motorcycles. If Victory is unable to otherwise narrow the scope of consumers that might have purchased affected seats, Victory will mail a recall notice to all registered owners of these motorcycles explaining to them that if they have an affected seat/backrest installed on their motorcycle it is covered by a recall and it will be replaced free-of-charge by Victory. As Victory is concerned about the traceability of these parts, Victory will also utilize their large presence in the Social Media space by delivering messages pertaining to this recall to their Facebook and Twitter subscribers.

Estimated date on which notifications to Owners will begin:

On or before August 30, 2011.

Estimated date on which notification will be completed:

On or before August 30, 2011.

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Manufacturer's campaign number:

To Be Determined

Signed: Don L. Good Date: 7-1-2011

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