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THE NEW AMERICAN MOTORCYCLE
Warning and Recall Notice 03V-228

Dear Victory Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

The Victory Motorcycle Division of Polaris Industries Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in some model year 2003 Victory Vegas™ motorcycles. Our records indicate that you have purchased one of the potentially affected units.

The vent pipe located inside the fuel tank may be partially or totally obstructed, causing pressure buildup and potential expulsion of fuel when the fuel cap is opened.

The repair will consist of an inspection of the fuel tank vent system and replacement of the fuel tank if the vent is found to be obstructed. Repairs will be made by an authorized Victory motorcycle dealer at no cost to you. The repair will take approximately one hour and forty five minutes to perform, although your dealership may need your motorcycle for a longer period of time depending on their work schedule.

Upon receipt of this recall notice, please call your authorized Victory motorcycle dealer to schedule an appointment. Do not attempt repairs yourself. Repairs must be done only by an authorized Victory dealer.

You should avoid opening the fuel cap on your motorcycle until the fuel tank vent has been inspected by your dealer and repaired as required. If you must open the fuel cap before then, you should take extra care:

- 1) Place your hand over the fuel cap and maintain downward pressure on the cap while turning the key.
- 2) With the key turned, *slowly* release downward hand pressure on the fuel cap, allowing pressure to escape past the sealing surface of the cap and fuel tank.
- 3) Pressure may be considerably higher in direct sunlight and higher temperatures, or after riding the motorcycle and parking. If possible, allow the fuel tank and engine to cool completely before opening the cap carefully as directed in Step 1 and 2 above.

If you are having difficulty obtaining the recall repair outlined in this letter, please call our Consumer Service Department at (783) 417-8650.

If you believe that the Victory Motorcycle Division of Polaris Industries Inc. has failed to remedy this defect without charge or is unable to do so within a reasonable time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration at 400 Seventh Street S.W., Washington D.C. 20590 or call the toll-free safety hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Sincerely,

VICTORY MOTORCYCLE DIVISION OF POLARIS INDUSTRIES INC.

Karl Iversle

Manager, Technical Service & Warranty

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessee receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within 10 days. If you are no longer the owner of the Victory motorcycle indicated by this letter, please contact our Consumer Service Department @ 763-417-8650 so we may update our records. Or write to us at:

Polaris Industries, Inc.
Consumer Service Department
2100 Highway 55
Medina, MN 55340-9962

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VENT INSPECTION / REPAIR PROCEDURE:

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Locate the fuel tank vent hose and cap cavity drain hose.

1. Remove the left side cover.
2. Locate the two hard plastic lines at the rear left side of fuel tank. One is the water drain from the gas cap depression and the other is the fuel tank vent line. Both hard lines transition to a rubber line at this point.

Disconnect the hoses

3. Pull one of the hard lines free from its rubber line.

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Attach a pressure pump

4. Attach a hand pump (i.e. a Milty Vac PV-43545) to the hard line on the fuel tank side as shown using an appropriate adaptor that seals tightly on the line.

NOTE: If the hand pump has both pressure and vacuum pump capability, set the dial to "Pump" or connect the hose to the pump's pressure fitting.

5. Pump air into the line. Air should be heard escaping from the fuel cap area. If the pump does not build pressure (indicating a clear vent) but you do not hear air escaping from the filler neck or from the water drain hole, check to be sure the hose is connected to the fitting on the bottom of the fuel tank.
6. To determine which line you have, place your finger over the water drain opening which is located to the left of the gas cap opening. If the airflow stops you have located the water drain line. If the airflow continues, you have located the tank vent line and it is open. You should be able to hear the air escaping out the fuel tank filler neck.

NOTE: If the first line you test is clear, reconnect this line and repeat Steps 5 and 6 for the other line. Both lines should flow air freely.

Determine if further repair is required. File claim Type SB.

7. If both lines are clear, reconnect them, close and lock the fuel cap, and reinstall the side cover. File a warranty claim for inspection only, and use V-03-03 as the bulletin number.
8. If you can not move air through the vent line (pressure builds on the gauge), the fuel tank vent fitting is plugged, and you must replace the fuel tank. Follow the procedure outlined on page 5.3 - 5.11 in the Victory Vegas™ Service Manual PN 9918371, and file a warranty claim for inspection and tank replacement using bulletin number V-03-03A.



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