



Victory Motorcycle Division  
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### **573.6 Defect Information Report**

#### **573.6.c.1.**

*Vehicle manufacturer's full name:*

Polaris Industries Inc., Victory Motorcycle Division

*Address:*

2100 Highway 55  
Medina, MN 55340-9800

#### **573.6.c.2.**

*Motor Vehicle Equipment potentially containing defect:*

This recall involves two Lock & Ride® accessory passenger backrests for Victory motorcycles, Part Numbers 2877938 (chrome) and 2877938-266 (black) (“the Passenger Backrests”) that are being or have been used with Luggage Rack Part Numbers 2877950 or 2877950-266 (the “Luggage Racks”). If the Passenger Backrests have not been used with the Luggage Racks, they will perform normally and are not affected by this notice.

There have been approximately 3,188 of the Luggage Racks sold and 8,819 of the Passenger Backrests sold. The Passenger Backrests could fit on 13,644 Cross Country, Cross Country Touring, Cross Road and Hardball motorcycles that have been shipped to U.S. dealers. The Luggage Racks will not attach to any other backrest and the Passenger Backrests will not attach to any other motorcycles.

*Inclusive dates of manufacture:*

Approximately January 1, 2010 through May, 2013

*Basis for recall population:*

All Passenger Backrests used with a Luggage Rack produced through May 2013 are potentially affected.

**573.6.c.3.**

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

A total of 3188 the potentially affected Luggage Racks have been shipped by Victory.

**573.6.c.4.**

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

Victory estimates that all of the Passenger Backrests that are used with a Luggage Rack could fail.

**573.6.c.5.**

*Brief Summary:*

Victory has determined that a defect may exist for the Passenger Backrest/ Luggage Rack combination that could cause a crack to occur at the mounting slot of the Passenger Backrest.

*Detailed description:*

Victory has determined that, if a Passenger Backrest has a Luggage Rack attached to it, the attachment point for the Passenger Backrest can fail. This has been determined to be a fatigue failure of the Passenger Backrest mounting slot that only occurs due to loads encountered when a Luggage Rack is installed onto the Passenger Backrest.

**573.6.c.6.**

*Chronology:*

There are no incidents or injuries due to this issue.

A potential issue was identified during routine testing that occurred in December of 2012 where by a passenger backrest/luggage rack combination was observed to fail during a VDS (Vehicle Durability Simulation) lab test.

Subsequent testing determined that a passenger backrest/luggage rack combination could fail during the life of the vehicle.

**573.6. c.8.**

*Remedy program:*

The affected components can fit on any 2010 through 2013 Victory Cross Roads, Cross Country, Cross Country Tour, and Hard Ball motorcycle. Victory will mail a recall notice to all registered owners of these motorcycles explaining to them that if they have an affected Passenger Backrest/Luggage Rack combination installed on their motorcycle the accessory parts are covered by a recall and will be replaced free-of-charge by Victory.

Parts to complete the repairs will be available by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Consumers may continue to ride their machines until parts are available to repair the affected machines as Victory will instruct them in the consumer letter to remove the

passenger backrest and luggage rack if their machine has a passenger backrest and luggage rack installed on it.

Estimated date on which notifications to Owners will begin:

On or before September 9, 2013.

Estimated date on which notification will be completed:

On or before September 16, 2013.

**573.6.c.11.**

Manufacturer's campaign number:

To Be Determined

Signed:



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Product Safety Specialist

Polaris Industries Inc.

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