



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

July 15, 2016

Mr. Stephen Berg
Indian Motorcycle Company
7290 E. Viking Blvd
Wyoming, MN 55092

NEF-150TB
16V-446

Subject: Engine Misfire may Increase Fire Risk

Dear Mr. Berg:

This letter serves to acknowledge Indian Motorcycle Company's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

INDIAN/CHIEF CLASSIC/2014-2016
INDIAN/CHIEFTAIN/2014-2016
INDIAN/CHIEFTAN DARK HORSE/2014-2016
INDIAN/DARK HORSE/2014-2016
INDIAN/ROADMASTER/2014-2016
INDIAN/VINTAGE/2014-2016

Mfr's Report Date: June 16, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-446

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:IGNITION
ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:EXHAUST SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 18,367

Problem Description:

Indian Motorcycle Company (Indian) is recalling certain model year 2014-2016 Chief Classic, Dark Horse, Chieftain, Roadmaster, Vintage and Chieftain Dark Horse motorcycles manufactured April 15, 2013, to June 16, 2015. In the event of an engine misfire, unburned fuel may pass through parts of the exhaust system, raising the exhaust temperatures.

Consequence:

Elevated exhaust temperatures may result in an increased risk of fire.

Remedy:

Indian will notify owners, and dealers will update the engine control module (ECM) software, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in July 2016. Owners may contact Indian customer service at 1-877-204-3697. Indian's number for this recall is I-16-02.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY

1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received Indian's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

The supplied draft owner notification letter includes the Springfield model, but the Defect Information report does not. Please correct the incorrect document.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Tariq Bond who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5472, or by email at tariq.bond@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement