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By email only

Ms. Nancy Lewis
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., W45-306
Washington, DC 20590

**Re: Defect Information Report Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573 – Fuel Tank Cap Replacement
– 2008 to 2012 Can Am Spyder roadsters**

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Bombardier Recreational Products Inc and BRP US Inc. determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety may exist in our 2008 to 2012 Can-Am Spyder roadsters. We are reporting the currently available information required by 49 CFR Part 573.6.

• **573.6 (c) (1) Name of manufacturer:**

The affected vehicles were manufactured by Bombardier Recreational Products Inc., 726 Saint-Joseph Street, Valcourt, Quebec Canada J0E 2L0 and imported into the United States by BRP US Inc., 10101 Science Drive, Sturtevant, Wisconsin, USA 53177.

Contact person with respect to this recall is Marie-Claude Simard, Manager, Product Safety, Bombardier Recreational Products Inc., 726 St-Joseph Street, Valcourt, Quebec, Canada J0E 2L0, T 450-532-6195, marie-claude.simard@brp.com

- **573.6 (c) (2) Identification of the Vehicles involved in the Recall:**

YEAR	MODEL	MODEL NUMBER	SERIAL NUMBER
2008	GS Series	All	All
2009	GS Series RS Series		
2010	RS Series RT Series		
2011	RS Series RT Series		
2012	RS Series RT Series		

- **573.6 (c) (3) Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected:**

Approximately 33 700 vehicles.

- **573.6 (c) (4) Estimated percentage of Vehicles with the Defect:**

Unknown. 100% of the recalled vehicles will be subject to the remedy.

- **573.6 (c) (5) Description of the Defect:**

The fuel cap may not seal properly the fuel tank filler neck. Fuel vapors in the presence of an ignition source could result in a fire.

- **573.6 (c) (6) Chronology of Events:**

In May 2009, BRP received notices of 4 vehicle fires. Those fires occurred when the vehicle was stopped or at very low speed on MY 2008 GS Series. BRP started its investigation and found no clear similar pattern of causation. The investigation looked at possible causes and identified the fuel vapors from the fuel vapor canister vent hose as a potential cause. BRP kept monitoring the network.

In the course of its network monitoring, BRP was informed of additional fires. In May 2011, some of those fires seemed to be related to fuel vapors from fuel vapor canister vent hoses. With this information, BRP's investigation was looking for a pattern for model years 2008 and 2009 GS/RS Series. However, new fires were reported on different models and more recent model years which triggered further investigation. Investigation tried to identify differences in fuel, electrical and seat systems, on the electrostatic charge dissipative characteristic of fuel lines and connectors, on fuel vapor sources and evaluate possible impact of previous repair bulletins.

In February 2012, BRP confirmed that two fuel vapor sources (fuel vapor canister vent hose and fuel cap) were potentially present on different vehicles population and in some reported fires. BRP had 5 fires that could be linked to fuel cap vapor source and 3 fires that could be

potentially associated to this source as well. BRP decided to continue the monitoring of this pattern. BRP decided also in March 2012 to continue to monitor the pattern of the fuel vapor canister vent hose source.

Based on the monitoring and analysis of additional fires reported to BRP, based on its investigation and even if ignition source was not firmly confirmed, BRP concluded on December 4, 2012 that the actual data is indication of unreasonable risk of harm. BRP is now aware of a total of 6 fires including one case of minor injuries that could be linked to that source and 10 fires that could be potentially associated to this source.

A defect notification is also filed separately for the fuel vapor canister vent hose issue.

- **573.6 (c) (8) Program for Remedy of Defect:**

BRP is currently preparing to launch a voluntary safety campaign to remedy the condition. This safety campaign will also be an emission-related campaign with EPA and CARB.

BRP will notify each registered owner of an involved vehicle with a safety recall letter and send him/her directly an improved fuel cap. The fuel cap will also be available at dealerships. All of this will be performed at no charge.

BRP will also notify its dealers of the campaign. In addition, BRP will post a letter to dealer's attention on its dealer website along with the safety campaign bulletin. Information about the campaign will also be posted on BRP's public website www.can-am.brp.com.

Please see enclosed the proposed Owner letter, return card, shipping box design, Dealer letter and Bulletin.

Remedy:

The solution is to replace the fuel cap with a new improved fuel cap.

Remedy Schedule:

BRP will launch this recall during the week of December 17, 2012. The notification and shipments to owners will start in the week of January 7, 2013 for the following 4 to 8 weeks.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. Simard', is located below the text 'Sincerely yours,'.

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