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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.**

Vehicles potentially containing defect:

Some MY 2012 and 2013 Victory motorcycles.

Inclusive dates of manufacture:

January 3, 2012 through August 15, 2012.

Basis for recall population:

An assembly issue that has been identified as the root cause of the issue began on January 3, 2012.

On August 16, 2012 processes were put into place that inspected for this condition during the assembly process.

**573.6.c.3.**

*Total number of vehicles potentially containing defect:*

A total of 6618 vehicles may contain this defect.

**573.6.c.4.**

*Percentage of vehicles estimated to actually contain defect:*

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

**573.6.c.5.**

*Brief Summary:*

Victory has determined that a torqueing procedure may have been missed on some throttle cable retention nuts. On certain motorcycles, the throttle cable retention nuts for either the pull or push throttle cable may have not have been torqued correctly.

*Detailed description:*

A significant line rate increase that occurred on January 3, 2012 and the human factors involved with that line rate increase have been identified as the root cause of this issue.

If the above mentioned torqueing procedure is missed and the retention nuts are loose, it is possible for the retention nuts closest to the throttle body to become dislodged and interfere with the proper function of the throttle.

**573.6.c.6.**

*Chronology:*

Victory is aware of two field reports of loose throttle cable retention nuts. No accidents or injuries have been reported.

The first failure was reported to Victory on August 5, 2012 and the second was reported on August 15, 2012.

Victory began investigation into this issue upon receipt of the first reported incident and began inspecting some machines in our possession. At that time, no issues were found on units that were inspected.

It was also determined that no engineering or component changes were responsible for the issue.

Upon notification of the second field incident, all vehicles in our possession were inspected (approximately 650 machines). Ten vehicles were found with improperly torqued throttle cable retention fasteners.

Victory added an additional assembly station on August 16, 2012 to ensure that these fasteners are properly torqued.

**573.6. c.8.**

Remedy program:

For machines that have been shipped to its dealer network, Victory will conduct a safety recall by which we will require our dealer network to inspect all potentially affected machines and correctly torque the fasteners.

Machines that have not been shipped out of Victory's control will be repaired prior to being shipped.

Estimated date on which notifications to Owners will begin:

October 12, 2012.

Estimated date on which notification will be completed:

October 19, 2012.

**573.6.c.11.**

Manufacturer's campaign number:

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Signed:  Date: 9-17-2012

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