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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:*

MY 2011 Victory Cross Country motorcycles.

*Inclusive dates of manufacture:*

January 1, 2011 through April 11, 2011.

*Basis for recall population:*

Use of the components identified as the root cause of the issue began on January 1, 2011. On April 11, 2011 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 840 vehicles may contain this defect.

**573.6.c.4.**

*Percentage of vehicles estimated to actually contain defect:*

Victory estimates that less than five 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 defect may exist in the handlebar clamps and/or risers. On certain motorcycles, either the handlebar clamps and/or risers may have been machined incorrectly which could cause the handlebars to slip in the clamps.

*Detailed description:*

Victory has determined that some handlebar clamps and risers were delivered to Victory by its supplier in a condition where they may have been machined too deep. The improper depth dimension can cause the handlebars to slip in the clamps.

**573.6.c.6.**

*Chronology:*

Victory is aware of three field reports of loose handlebar clamps occurring in the United States. In all incidences, the condition was observed and corrected by the dealer during the dealer set-up process. No accidents or injuries have been reported.

The first failure was reported to Victory on 3-9-2011, the second on 4-4-2011 and the third on 5-4-2011.

Victory began investigation into this issue upon receipt of the first reported incident. On 4-11-2011, Victory began inspecting all handlebar clamps and risers during the assembly process. The investigation revealed that some handlebar clamps and/or risers were not machined correctly.

**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 the clamping force of the handlebar clamps and risers. If the clamping force is found to be inadequate, the clamps and risers will be replaced.

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:  
June 6, 2011.

Estimated date on which notification will be completed:  
June 20, 2011.

**573.6.c.11.**

Manufacturer's campaign number:  
V-11-01

Signed: Don L. Good Date: 5-31-2011  
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