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## SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

September 2, 2003

Dear Yamaha Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A., has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2001 XV16AN and XV16ANC ("Road Star") motorcycles, and in certain 2001 XV16ASN and XV16ASNC ("Midnight Star") motorcycles. Our records show that you own one of these motorcycles.

**The reason for this recall:**

In the transmission of affected motorcycles, the second/third pinion gear may be incorrectly machined, which could cause abnormal wear that eventually results in a broken retaining circlip. If the circlip breaks, the transmission could lock up, which would also cause the rear wheel to lock up. This could result in loss of control and a vehicle crash with injury or death.

**What Yamaha and your dealer will do:**

To correct this defect, your authorized Yamaha dealer will replace the transmission gears and shafts with new ones. There will be no charge to you for this procedure. Your dealer will probably need to keep your motorcycle for at least two days to accomplish the required modification.

**What you should do**

Please call your Yamaha dealer to make a service appointment to have this procedure performed. At that same time you can find out how long he expects he will need to keep your motorcycle for this service. Remember to take this letter with you when you take in your Road Star or Midnight Star motorcycle.

You should not ride your motorcycle until this modification is performed. If your motorcycle's transmission needed a repair previously, you should still have this modification performed now. If those previous transmission repairs were made at your expense, you should ask the servicing Yamaha dealer to contact Yamaha Customer Relations if the failure involved a broken circlip.

If you are unable to return to the Yamaha dealer who sold you the motorcycle, this service will be performed by any authorized Yamaha Motorcycle dealer. For the name of a dealer near you, call 1-800-88-YAMAHA or visit the Yamaha web site at: [www.yamaha-motor.com](http://www.yamaha-motor.com).

**If you need help:**

If, after contacting your dealership, you have questions or concerns which the dealership is unable to answer, please write to

Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA  
Customer Relations Department  
P.O. Box 8555  
Cypress CA 90630

If, after contacting Yamaha Customer Relations, you are still not satisfied that we have done our best to remedy the situation without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh St. SW, Washington, DC 20590 or call the Auto Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236.

**If you no longer own this Yamaha:**

If you have sold your motorcycle to another party, please call us toll-free at 1-800-227-5863 with the name and address of the new owner, along with the serial number shown above your name on the address label above.

We're sorry to cause you any inconvenience, but we are sincerely concerned about your safety and continued satisfaction with our products. Thank you for giving your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,  
Customer Support Group  
Yamaha Motor Corporation, USA