

ATV Recall

Risk Management Division
CPSC and Kawasaki Motors Corp ATV Recall

In cooperation with the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A., of Irvine, California, announced on July 27th that it is recalling approximately 155,000 model year 2001 through 2005 Prairie and Brute Force all terrain vehicles. As a consequence of a significant impact to the front wheel of the ATV during operation, the affected ATVs may experience the ball joint separating from the steering knuckle, leading to loss of steering control and the possibility of an accident resulting in injury or death. Consumers with the affected vehicles are cautioned not to operate them, and to contact an authorized Kawasaki ATV retailer for repairs.

Kawasaki is aware of 39 warranty claims and 3 personal injury claims related to ball joint separation.

The affected ATVs are 2001 through 2005 model year Prairie 300, Prairie 300 4X4, Prairie 360, Prairie 360 4X4, Prairie 400, Prairie 400 4X4, Prairie 650 4X4, Prairie 700 4X4, and Brute Force 650 4X4 models. These ATVs were sold by Kawasaki dealers nationwide beginning in 2000. Suggested retail prices ranged from approximately \$4,400 to \$7,400.

Kawasaki is notifying all of the sales-registered owners by direct mail. Owners of the affected models should immediately stop riding the ATVs and contact an authorized Kawasaki ATV dealer to make arrangements for repair. Repair will consist of replacement of the ball joints and steering knuckles on Prairie 300, 300 4X4, 400, and 400 4X4 models, and replacement of ball joints, steering knuckles, and lower "A" arm for all other models. Consumers can contact Kawasaki for more information at (866) 802 9381 between 8:30 AM and 4:45 PM Pacific time, Monday through Friday.

Click here to find out if your vehicle is affected:

<http://www.kawasaki.com/Default.asp?strContentURL=site/VIVehicleInformation/VIChooseVehicle.asp?intCatalogID=2&intParts=0> (Note: VIN/HIN required to search for outstanding recalls)