



RHINO 660 AND RHINO 450 SUSPENDED SALE AND REPAIR NOTICE

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Attention Yamaha Side x Side Vehicle Dealer:

Today, March 31, 2009, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issued an announcement stating that Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A., is to offer certain free repairs for all Rhino 660 and Rhino 450 Side x Side (SxS) models.

This is not a recall. This is a voluntary repair program.

The CPSC announcement says the following two repairs are needed “to help reduce the chance of rollover and improve vehicle handling”:

1. Installation of a spacer on each of the rear wheels.
2. Removal of the rear anti-sway bar.

As part of this announcement, dealers are also encouraged to install doors and additional passenger handholds on affected vehicles if not yet installed. Additionally, a free helmet incentive will be implemented. Details on the helmet incentive will follow in the near future.

Repair parts meeting CPSC requirements are being developed and will be available as soon as possible. **Until such repair parts are available, however, you must suspend all retail sales of any Rhino 660 and 450 models.** Yamaha will also stop all wholesale shipments of these two models to your dealership.

Even though the CPSC did not include the Rhino 700 in its announcement, Yamaha is also voluntarily implementing the same course of action. Please suspend use and sale of all Rhino models, including the 700, until repairs are completed in order to minimize confusion and ensure customer satisfaction.

Yamaha stands firmly behind the Rhino SxS as a safe, reliable off-road vehicle. The Rhino is the best-selling SxS vehicle in the market and has been shown to be the best in its class, with many industry and press awards to its credit. Indeed, **more than 99% of Rhinos sold to date are being enjoyed by enthusiastic owners without reported incidents.**

Yamaha always advises the safe, responsible use of our products. Rhino users should always wear helmets and seatbelts, as well as follow all instructions and warnings in the on-product labels, owner’s manual, and other safety materials. The Rhino is only recommended for operators 16 and older with a valid driver’s license. Every passenger must be tall enough to place both feet on the floorboard with his or her back against the seat back.

If you have questions, please call your Regional Technical Advisor.

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