

Service Bulletin

Date: November 11, 2002 Product Line: Snowmobile

Bulletin No: 2003-1-16 Subject: Steering Post Stop

Affected Models / VIN:

Model: 2003 Firecat 700 EFI Sno Pro OS Blk

Model No. S2003F7FEPOSB

Model: 2003 Firecat 700 EFI Sno Pro US Blk

Model No. S2003F7FEPUSB

Model: 2003 Firecat 700 EFI Sno Pro Canadian Blk

Model No. S2003F7FFEUSB

Model: 2003 Firecat 700 EFI Sno Pro Canadian Green

Model No. S2003F7FFEUSG

Model: 2003 Firecat 700 EFI Sno Pro US Green

Model No. S2003F7FEPUSG

Model: 2003 Firecat 700 EFI Sno Pro OS Green

Model No. S2003F7FEPOSG

Model: 2003 Firecat 700 EFI Sno Pro Sabercat Green

Model No. S2003F7FKEUSG

Model: 2003 Firecat 700 EFI Sno Pro Patriot Green

Model No. S2003F7FEUUSG

Model: 2003 Firecat 700 EFI Sno Pro Patriot Red

Model No. S2003F7FEUUSR

Model: 2003 Firecat EFI Sno Pro OS Red

Model No. S2003F7FEUOSR

Model: 2003 Firecat EFI Sno Pro Team Arctic Red

Model No. S2003F7FAEUSR

VIN Range: 4UF03SNW13T173232 through 4UFO3SNW53T174366

■ NOTE: All of the affected models will have a vehicle identification number (VIN) within the above range.

■ NOTE: For identification purposes, it is necessary to refer to only the last six digits of the vehicle identification number.

Condition:

It has been determined that the steering post stop on some of the affected models may have been welded in the wrong position. If the steering stop is welded in the wrong position, the steering rod will come into <u>solid</u> contact with the cylinder head when the handlebar is turned to the full-right position.

■ NOTE: It is important to note that with the steering post stop located in the <u>correct</u> position, the steering rod will be very close to and may even slightly contact the cylinder head when the handlebar is turned to the full-right position. This is a normal condition.

Solution:

This condition can be verified in two ways. Elevate the front end of the snowmobile slightly; then turn the handlebar to the full-right position. If the steering feels spongy when turned to the full-right position and it does not feel as though it is hitting the stop until pressure is applied, the snowmobile has a steering post stop that is welded in the wrong position. Verify this condition by watching the MAG-side rubber engine mount. If the engine mount moves when pressure is applied (with the handlebar in the full-right position), the steering post stop is welded in the wrong position.

If the above situations exist, replace the existing steering post with a new Steering Post (p/n 0705-888).

■ NOTE: Make sure to hold the coolant hose forward and out of the way in order to visually inspect the location of the steering rod when the handlebar is at the full-right position.

Parts:

Order an appropriate number of Steering Post (p/n 0705-888) through normal parts-ordering channels. Your dealership Parts Account will be charged and then credited upon receipt of a Warranty Claim Request form.

■ NOTE: We anticipate that parts will be available mid-December. You may place orders now if you wish. All back-ordered parts will be shipped as soon as they are available.

Warranty:

A labor allowance of 0.7 will be paid per affected snowmobile.

Only one vehicle identification number (VIN) can be entered per claim. Do not submit a group claim.

CatTracker Claim: Enter BS200316 in the Complaint section.

Manual Claim: Enter 0316 in the Complaint section.







