

CPSC ROV RULEMAKING

TAKE ACTION IN OPPOSITION



What's Going On?

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is proposing to make a “rule” for ALL powersports OEMs. The “rule” would mandate unnecessary, restrictive design standards for side-by-sides (ROVs).

What Does That Mean for Me?

The “rule” would require OEMs to build to arbitrary design standards in 4 areas:

1. **Mandated understeer** applies on-road design principles to off-road vehicles
 - » Causes vehicle to push through corners because turning radius increases as vehicle speed increases
 - » Reduces vehicle steering responsiveness and handling predictability
 - » Works for on-road vehicles with smooth ditches and guard rails, but will lead to unintended consequences off-road
 - » Polaris supports OEM design freedom to optimize predictable, responsive off-road handling
2. **Minimum lateral acceleration on pavement** optimizes on-road performance without any correlation to off-road safety
 - » Encourages use of stiffer tires, not effective off-road
 - » Limits/eliminates door and cab enclosures
 - » Ignores steering wheel input – drivers’ primary control
 - » Polaris supports dynamic stability testing tied to steering wheel input
3. **Mandated Passenger Seat Belt Interlock** ties speed-limiting technology to the front passenger seats creating potential failure modes and unintended consequences
 - » Transfers some control of vehicle from driver to passenger – passenger unbuckling or bouncing on seat will result in dangerous, sudden loss of power
 - » Limits ability to customize seats and causes increased risk of seat sensor failure in off-road conditions
 - » Limits/eliminates ability to utilize under seat storage
 - » Polaris has innovative driver’s side speed-limiting seat belt system on most MY15s, but opposes adding that system to passenger seats
4. **Mandated Shoulder Bolster** requires a frame-mounted shoulder bolster on all vehicles
 - » Compromises ability to get in and out
 - » Limits door and cab options
 - » Polaris supports active occupant restraints, has had doors and nets for many years

What is Polaris’ position?

Polaris opposes CPSC’s proposed mandatory standard because there are significant gaps in the data CPSC is using to support a mandatory rule, the proposed metrics and safety claims do not apply across all categories and models of ROV, and the proposed standard will actually lead to unintended safety consequences in off-road conditions.

What Can I Do?

For now, please click the link next to “Take Action” that applies to you to send an email to your Members of Congress to tell them that you oppose CPSC’s proposed mandatory standard.

There will be opportunities to comment on the proposed rule and Polaris will reach out to you in the near future with more information about how you can get involved.

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