

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

December 30, 2004

Dear Yamaha Owner:

It has been determined that a possible condition which relates to safety may exist in 2002 through 2005-model F225, LF225, F200, and LF200 outboard motors. Our records indicate that you own one of these outboard motors.

The reason for this recall:

In affected outboards, there may be excessive friction in the ball joints of the throttle link rods. This friction could prevent the throttle return springs from returning the throttle linkage all the way to the idle position. If this happens, the throttle may stay at a fast idle speed that could prevent the operator from shifting the remote control into Neutral unless the engine is shut off. The inability to shift into Neutral without shutting off the engine could result in an accident with personal injury, and/or property damage.

What Yamaha and your dealer will do:

Your dealer will replace throttle linkage rods with new ones of a different type. This service will be performed without cost to you for parts or labor.

What you should do now:

Please call your authorized Yamaha Outboard dealer to make a service appointment to have this procedure performed. Yamaha is manufacturing the kits for this modification as quickly as possible, but your dealer may not be able to get kits for all customers immediately. If this is the case, we appreciate your patience and assure you that every effort is being made to get the parts to your dealer quickly. Remember to take this letter with you when you take in your outboard motor.

For the name of a dealer near you, call 1-800-88-YAMAHA or visit the Yamaha web site at: www.yamaha-motor.com.

Important: If you have a 2002, 2003, or 2004 outboard, you may have received another letter dated September 17, 2003 from Yamaha about a fast-idle condition. The safety recall announce now is different from that earlier campaign. You should have this modification performed even if the other modification was done. If the previous modification was not done, and your engine is affected, your dealer can perform both procedures at the same time.

You should not operate the outboard motor shown on the label above until this modification is performed.

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
1270 Chastain Road Northwest
Kennesaw, GA 30144

If you no longer own this Yamaha:

If you have sold your outboard motor to another party, please call us toll-free at 1-800-227-5963 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