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# **SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**

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**RE: Certain Bombardier Side Mount Remote Control Boxes, (P/N 176380 and 176381).**

Dear Evinrude/Johnson Registered Owner:

This notice is sent to you because you recently purchased an Evinrude<sup>®</sup> or Johnson<sup>®</sup> outboard motor and you may have also purchased one or more of the above remote control boxes.

## **What is the reason for this notice?**

Bombardier Motor Corporation of America in the United States and Bombardier, Inc. in Canada (collectively "Bombardier") are conducting a voluntary safety recall of Remote Control Boxes, P/N 176380 and 176381, that were manufactured and distributed between the dates of January 1, 2001 and August 1, 2003. As a registered owner of an Evinrude or Johnson outboard motor purchased between these dates, you may also own the affected control box. This recall does not involve your outboard engine.

## **What is the problem?**

These remote control boxes may have loose or improperly assembled fast idle lever components, which could potentially cause the outboard to stick in gear or in neutral or jam the throttle.

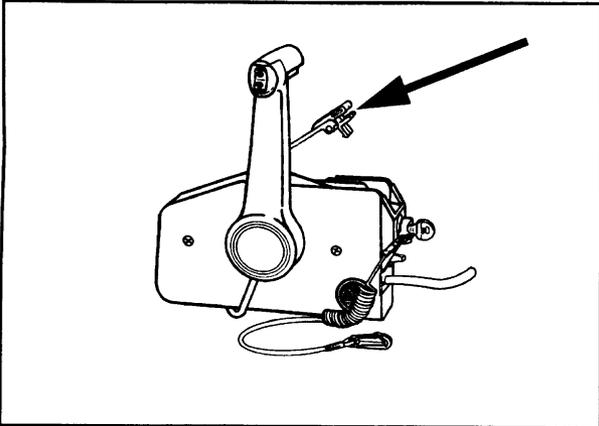
**A stuck shift lever or jammed throttle lever could cause the operator of the boat to lose control or have diminished control of the vessel, which presents a risk of personal injury to the operator, passengers, and people who are nearby.**

## What should you do?

1. If you have a remote control box (throttle and gear levers) on your boat, please locate and examine the remote control box(es). Compare the remote control box to the picture below. If it looks like the picture, and has an OMC or Bombardier name on it, please check the manufacture date code to see if the control box is covered by this recall. The date code is printed on a tag adhered to the underside of the Fast Idle Lever.

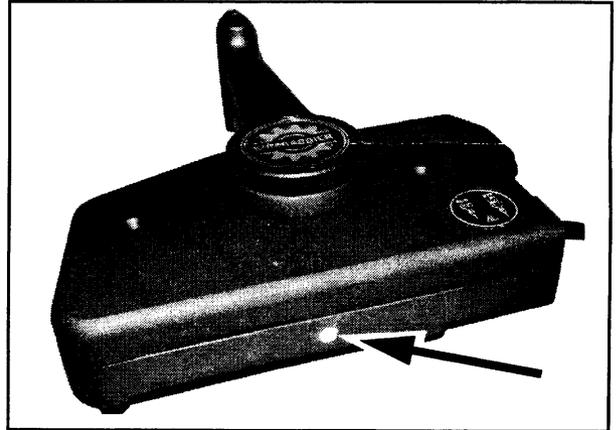
### This recall does not apply to you if:

- 1) You do not have remote controls; or
- 2) The remote control you have is not made by OMC or Bombardier.



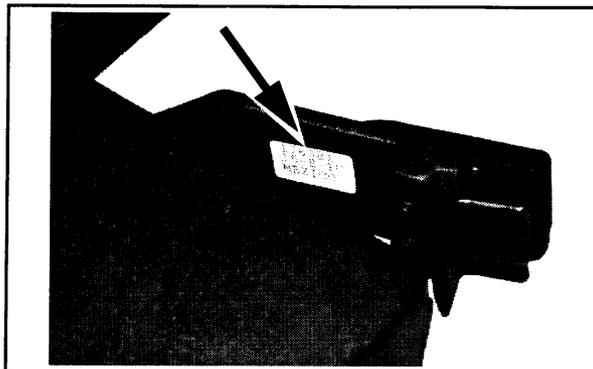
**TYPICAL** - Side mount control box with fast idle lever.

**NOTE:** The remote control box may either have an OMC or BOMBARDIER emblem.



Remote control box with white dot

2. If the date code (see tables below) is (01-A-A1), or (01-A-1A, 01-H-1C) or any sequence between (01-A-1A and 01-H-1C), check the bottom edge of the box for a white dot. If there is a white dot, your remote control box has already been fixed and this recall does not involve your unit. If your remote control box has a date code in this sequence and does not have a white dot, discontinue use of your boat and the affected remote control box. Please contact your authorized Evinrude/Johnson dealer and schedule repairs immediately. Any necessary repairs will be completed free of charge. (Warranty Bulletin (Safety Campaign) 2003-03(W)).



Date Code - Under fast idle lever

## Affected Date Codes

Remote Control	Manufactured and Distributed	Date Codes
P/N 176380	Jan. 1, 2001 to Aug. 1, 2003	01-A-A1 (or 01-A-1A) to 01-H-1C
P/N 176381		

## Reading Date Codes

Day	01-31
Month	A = January, B = February, C = March, D = April, E = May, F = June, G = July, H = August, I = September, J = October, K = November, L = December
Year	1A (or A1) = 2001 1B (or B1) = 2002 1C = 2003
<b>Date Code Example:</b> 15-F-1C = 15 June, 2003	

3. If you are unable to verify the date code, discontinue use of your boat and the control box and contact your authorized Evinrude/Johnson dealer to schedule the inspection immediately and make any needed repair.

Bombardier does not have responsibility for OMC remote control boxes made and distributed prior to January 1, 2001. If you have a concern regarding a remote control box from that time frame, Bombardier strongly encourages you to have your dealer inspect your remote control box, but the unit is not covered under Bombardier's recall.

### Need assistance locating an authorized dealer?

To contact your nearest authorized Evinrude or Johnson dealer, please visit [www.evinrude.com](http://www.evinrude.com) or [www.johnson.com](http://www.johnson.com) or you can contact us via phone at 847-689-7090.

This notice applies to all current owners of the affected remote control boxes. Accordingly, if you have sold your remote control box, please notify the purchaser of this recall.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this recall may cause you.