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In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Cannondale is conducting a voluntary recall of all Carbon Lefty forks built to date. Note that non-carbon Lefty forks are not subject to recall. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission will be monitoring the effectiveness of this recall.

2001 model year F4000 SL
2001 model year Jekyll 4000 SL
2001 model year Raven 4000 SL
2001 model year Lefty Carbon ELO aftermarket fork

There are two problems: (1) The needle bearings could escape past the lower collar. This failure could result in loss of steering control. (2) The epoxy adhesive bond between the carbon inner tube and the titanium spindle may loosen or fail. This adhesive failure will weaken the fork and might lead to fork failure.

WARNING: Either problem carries a risk of serious injury or death.

We ask that you immediately stop riding and bring your bike(s) to your Authorized Cannondale retailer for no-charge recall service.

Cannondale will promptly rebuild these forks at our HeadShok Factory Tech Room. Our experts will: rebuild the lower assembly, rebuild and lubricate the needle bearing assembly as needed, install a new lower collar and a new boot. We will also install a new 2002 cartridge featuring improved negative springs and capability for 80 or 100mm of travel. Once this work is done, you will have a “2002 fork” that performs better than new.

We apologize for the problems and thank you for your cooperation.

Please call 1-800-BIKE-USA with any questions.

Sincerely,

The Cannondale Corporation