IMPORTANT RECALL NOTICE

October 2001

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 & 2002 model year Lefty Carbon ELO aftermarket fork
2002 model year Scalpel 4000 Team Replica

Note that this is a NEW recall program. It is DIFFERENT than the recall program we communicated in a letter of June 2001. Unfortunately it affects the same population of Carbon Lefty forks.

The problem: The upper end of the steel bearing races on which the needle bearings run can escape the upper race clip designed to retain them. This problem, if ignored and allowed to progress, could result in loss of steering control. We have seen a few these bearing races escape.

WARNING: This 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: install a new upper bearing retaining clip designed to address the problem, rebuild and lubricate the needle bearing assembly as needed, install a new boot as needed. We will also install a new bushing that minimizes wear on the damper shaft. Once this work is done, your fork will perform 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