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# SAFETY ALERT

## Shock mount failure leaves UTV inoperable

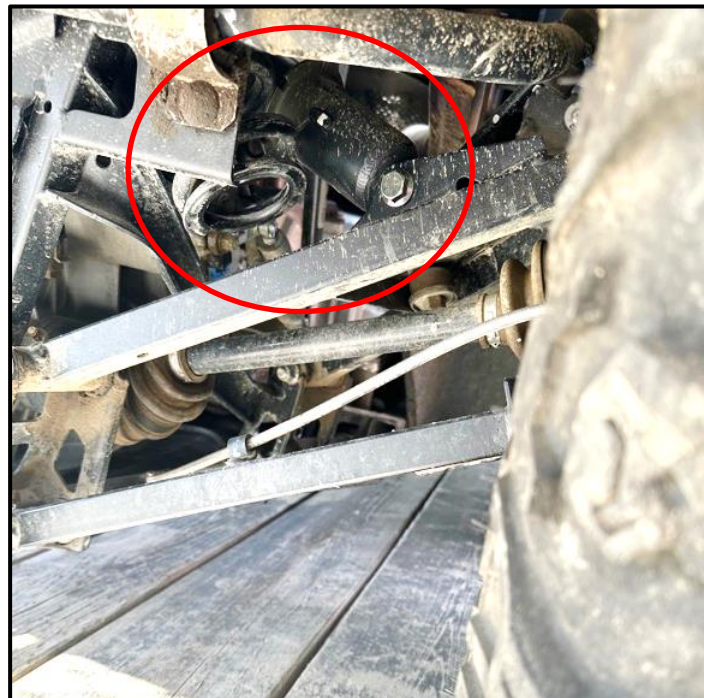
**Date:** September 2023

**Location:** Okanagan region

**Details:** A worker was driving a UTV on a deactivated resource road and crossed a cross ditch at low speed when the rear upper shock mount gave way. The shock collapsed on the airbox and exhaust system, damaging both simultaneously. This left the vehicle inoperable and its driver stranded. The UTV rental company was immediately contacted. It was noted that this was the third time that an upper right rear shock mounting bracket has failed. So far, the manufacturer has not confirmed that this is a known manufacturing defect.

**Learnings & Suggestions:** Maintain inspections and mechanical servicing intervals, which might reveal a hidden or pending issue.

Also contact the manufacturer to check if any service bulletins have been published.



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