Technical Service Bulletin

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Bulletin: **TSB-060402** **Date:** **06/04/02**

Subject: **Mod 5.0 fork seam.**

Tools required: Hacksaw
Metric hex wrenches (4 & 5mm)
Fork crown removal tool

Background:

There have been two instances to date in which the Columbus Carve Fork has developed visible cracks on the trailing edge of each leg, at the crown/blade joint. Upon inspection and exhaustive fatigue testing, both samples were deemed structurally sound. Only the paint developed the visible cracks.

The affected fork is specified as original equipment on the 2002 Mod 5.0 bicycle and 2002 Mod 5.0 frame/fork kit.

Details:

The fork manufacturing process involves sealing the seam on the leg/crown junction with a fiberglass compound for aesthetics. The cured fiberglass compound is then sanded and prepared for paint. In the instance of these two forks, the compound was sanded too thin and when the forks flexed under normal riding conditions, the paint cracked.

This defect is purely aesthetic and does not pose threat to the structural integrity and/or health of the end user.

We understand that some consumers would like to return the fork for a replacement. K2 has designated a quantity of these forks for immediate shipment. The affected fork must be returned before a replacement will be shipped.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Eddie Rea in Technical Services.

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