On the fork models listed below, Answer Products has found that under extreme loads or in high stress situations that could be encountered while riding, some aluminum alloy steerer tubes can deform at the press fit into the crown. After becoming deformed, the steerer tube can then separate from the crown causing loss of control of the bicycle with risk of physical injury to the rider. Only aluminum alloy steerers that utilize carbon sleeves, **only on the fork models listed below**, are subject to this issue.

Therefore, we are requesting that the **models listed below** be retrofitted with an insert that reinforces this area of the steerer tube. (Figure A)

Answer Products is supplying these inserts free of charge to dealers and owners of these forks. Either visually inspect the underside of your own crown steerer (as shown in figure A) or have your authorized dealer inspect your crown steerer prior to your next ride.

If it does not have a red or silver aluminum insert present **DO NOT CONTINUE TO USE THE BICYCLE until a reinforcing sleeve can be fitted to your fork.** If the carbon sleeve appears to be cracked or damaged in any way, contact Answer Products, Inc. Warranty at (800)423-0273.

These free inserts come with instructions and can be easily installed by an individual or at a shop on the spot. **NO disassembly of the bicycle or fork is required.** The red or silver aluminum inserts **have been** installed on all production forks shipped from Answer starting December 21, 1999, so these forks do not require updates All of the models listed below produced prior to this time will need a red or silver aluminum insert installed to reinforce the steerer tube in the crown area. **For obtaining inserts or for further information, please contact your dealer or Answer Products at (800)423-0273.**

Answer Products is conducting this safety retrofit program in cooperation with the US Consumer Products Safety Commission who will monitor this program for its effectiveness.

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**Figure A**

Retrofit Kit
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**2000 Manitou MARS Suspension Fork**
**2000 Manitou MARS C Suspension Fork**
**2000 Manitou MARS CL Suspension Fork**
**2000 Manitou MARS 1 Suspension Fork**
**2000 Manitou X-Vert Super Suspension Fork**

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**2000 Answer BMX Carbon Pro**
**2000 Answer BMX Carbon Pro Cruiser**
**2000 Answer BMX MAG Pro**

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