

## **Harley lost to the Japanese tsunami found on a beach in Canada**

*Unlike most of the heavy wreckage from the 2011 disaster, this resilient bike floated halfway across the world*

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Nature is capable of doing some pretty amazing and frightening things. If you need evidence, you need look no further than last year's Japanese tsunami. The before and after pictures are stark, and wreckage quickly made its way out into the ocean. But if you want real evidence of the sheer majesty of nature's power, consider this: The wreckage of a Harley-Davidson lost to the tsunami was recently discovered on a beach in British Columbia, Canada.

The bike was found inside what appears to be the remains of a moving van storage compartment. Though the doors were ripped off, some of the contents were still inside, including golf clubs, some camping equipment, and the fully intact Harley-Davidson motorcycle.

The discovery was made by all-terrain vehicle rider Peter Mark while driving on a beach on Graham Island. Explains Mark, "the license had Japanese writing on it. The wall of the trailer had Japanese print on the tags. And the first thing that popped into my head was this is likely from the tsunami in Japan." Indeed, the container is very similar to the type you can see being washed away in videos of the Japanese tsunami.

The contents of the container were not strapped down or secured in any way. "It defies all logic," says Mark. "I cannot for the life of me figure out how that stuff stayed in there." The vehicle's plates are registered to a person in Miyagi Prefecture, one of the hardest hit areas of Japan. The discovery has been reported to the Japanese consulate in Vancouver, which is trying to locate the owner and determine whether he or she is alive.