

May 15, 2018

Ms. Debbie Kauffman MORryde International, Inc. 1966 Sterling Avenue Elkhart, IN 46516

Subject: Spindle Placement may cause Bearing to be Loose

Dear Ms. Kauffman:

This letter serves to acknowledge MORryde International, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years: MORRYDE/ROTATIONAL RUBBER PIN BOX/9999

Mfr's Report Date: April 27, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18E-026

**Components:** TRAILER HITCHES:FIFTH WHEEL ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 822

## **Problem Description:**

MORryde International, Inc. (MORryde) is recalling certain Rotational Rubber Pin Boxes, part number RTPB83-1622-03. The spindle placement may be incorrect, causing the bearing to be loose.

## **Consequence:**

A loose bearing can cause the spindle to fail, possible resulting in a loss of control of the fifth wheel trailer, increasing the risk of a crash.

## **Remedy:**

The remedy for this recall is still under development. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact MORryde customer service at 1-574-293-1581.

## Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

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Please update your Defect Information report with your remedy plan once it has been determined.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Please provide a list of the vehicle manufacturers that purchased the affected pin boxes.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Timian Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations Enforcement

