



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

August 15, 2018

Mr. Randall Smith
Jost International, Inc.
1770 Hayes
Grand Haven, MI 49417

NEF-150MR
18E-059

Subject: Slide Bracket may Cause Fifth Wheel Separation

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter serves to acknowledge Jost 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:

JOST INTERNATIONAL/OUTBOARD SLIDER/9999

Mfr's Report Date: July 20, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18E-059

Components:

TRAILER HITCHES:FIFTH WHEEL ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 194

Problem Description:

Jost International, Inc. (Jost) is recalling certain Outboard Sliders, part number A8PX-Tab (12-24). One of the affected slide bracket assemblies may contain an outboard slider bracket that is too narrow, possibly allowing the fifth wheel trailer to separate from the tractor.

Consequence:

If the trailer separates from the tractor, it can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Jost has notified the vehicle manufacturers that purchased the fifth wheel assemblies, and dealers for those manufacturers will inspect the vehicles and replace the incorrect will replace the incorrect slider bracket if necessary, free of charge. The recall began on August 3, 2018. Owners may contact Jost customer service at 1-616-846-7700.

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:


Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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).

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.

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