



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Robert Ray  
TAP Worldwide, LLC  
400 West Artesia  
Compton, CA 90220

NEF-150MR  
18E-070

**Subject:** Axle Welds may Fail

Dear Mr. Ray:

This letter serves to acknowledge TAP Worldwide, LLC'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:**

G2 AXLE & GEAR/AXLE HOUSING/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** July 30, 2018

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 18E-070

**Components:**

POWER TRAIN:AXLE ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 230

**Problem Description:**

TAP Worldwide, LLC (TAP) is recalling certain G2 Axle and Gear aftermarket Axle Housings, part number 67-2033TJR. The rosette welds in the center of the axle housings may have insufficient strength, allowing the axle tube to rotate unexpectedly.

**Consequence:**

If the axle tubes rotate, the vehicle's driveshaft may bind resulting in a loss of power and an increased risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

TAP will notify owners and will replace the axle housings with new housings, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin September 28, 2018. Owners may contact TAP customer service at 1-888-376-1417.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

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).

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](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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