



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

August 23, 2018

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

NEF-150MR
18E-072

Subject: Lower Control Arm 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:

RUBICON EXPRESS/LOWER CONTROL ARM/9999

Mfr's Report Date: July 30, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18E-072

Components:

SUSPENSION:FRONT:CONTROL ARM:LOWER ARM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,954

Problem Description:

TAP Worldwide, LLC (TAP) is recalling certain Rubicon Express aftermarket Lower Control Arms, part numbers RE4000, RE4010, and RE4050. These lower control arms have welds that may fail.

Consequence:

Lower control arm weld failure can cause a loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

TAP will notify owners and will replace the lower control arms, 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.

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 or through the office email at 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 a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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