



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Robert Ray
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NEF-150MR
18E-117

Subject: Tire Carrier Affecting Lighting/FMVSS 108, 111

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:

POISON SPYDER CUSTOMS/TIRE CARRIER/9999

Mfr's Report Date: December 18, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18E-117

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 114

Problem Description:

TAP Worldwide, LLC (TAP) is recalling certain Poison Spyder Customs-brand Tire Carriers, part number 19-62-030TP1, sold as aftermarket parts. These Tire Carriers may not provide a license plate lamp or center high-mounted brake light and may also cause the rear visibility camera system to be inoperable. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment," and number 111, "Rearview Mirrors."

Consequence:

Without a high-mounted brake light, the warning given to others that the vehicle is slowing or stopping may be limited. If the rear camera is inoperable, the driver may have reduced visibility of what is behind the vehicle. Either condition can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

TAP will notify owners, and dealers will replace the Poison Spyder Tire Carrier, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin February 12, 2019. 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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Kareem Habib
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement