



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

April 2, 2019

Mr. Ben Eltz
DiamondBack Automotive Accessories, Inc.
354 Enterprise Drive
Philipsburg, PA 16866

NEF-150MR
19E-018

Subject: Truck Bed Cover Panel may Detach

Dear Mr. Eltz:

This letter serves to acknowledge DiamondBack Automotive Accessories, 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:

DIAMONDBACK/HD/9999
DIAMONDBACK/SE/9999

Mfr's Report Date: March 1, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19E-018

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 6,816

Problem Description:

DiamondBack Automotive Accessories, Inc (Diamondback) is recalling certain DiamondBack HD and SE three-panel hard tonneau truck bed covers produced between March 28, 2018 and March 1, 2019. If the front panel section is not properly secured and locked, the front portion of the cover assembly could lift and separate from the truck bed while the vehicle is being driven.

Consequence:

If the cover separates from the truck bed, it could be a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

DiamondBack will notify owners and will send owners a kit including cab-panel tether and a redesigned safety catch that secures the cover to the frame, free of Charge. The recall is expected to begin in April 2019.

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.

We have received DiamondBack's proposed owner notification letter and have approved its distribution after our edits have been made.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

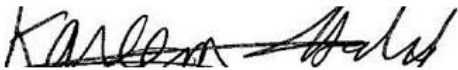
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are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

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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