

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 19V-320

**Manufacturer Name :** EHG USA LP dba American Fastbacks

**Submission Date :** AUG 22, 2019

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 19V-320

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR



## Manufacturer Information :

## Population :

**Manufacturer Name :** EHG USA LP dba American Fastbacks

**Number of potentially involved :** 94

**Address :** 1945 Burgundy Place

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 60 %

Ontario CA 91761

**Company phone :** 390-0002

## Vehicle Alterer Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2018-2018 Jeep Wrangler

**Descriptive Information :** Presently, American Fastbacks Edition Badlands model Jeep Wrangler vehicles with an installed roof top tent are a possible safety risk. A Chinese part supplier quality issue is causing the roof top tent to crack under extreme weather conditions which can lead to the top cover becoming detached from a driving vehicle.

**Production Dates :** JAN 08, 2018 - DEC 21, 2018

## Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** EHG USA LP d/b/a American Fastbacks ("Company") is a second-stage OEM and/or alterer of Jeep Wranglers purchased directly from Fiat Chrysler Automobiles ("FCA") group. During the upfitting stage, the Company shop employees install a roof top tent and brackets to the Badlands model vehicles. This roof top tent was purchased directly from a Chinese manufacturer who ensured all quality requirements such as fit, form and function were met. The Company has learned that the roof top tents fail (e.g. large cracks on top cover) under extreme weather conditions (cold).

**FMVSS 1 :** NR

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** A broken or crack top cover can become detached from the tent assembly if sufficient wind is caught underneath it when the vehicle is in motion. The suspect vehicles were shipped to customers with a tie down strap for prevention of any disengaged part of the roof top tent. The population of affected vehicles is the same as the ones listed in NHTSA ID: 19V190.

**Description of the Cause :** NR

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** Vehicles impacted by this recall may first exhibit a crack in the roof tent. If you see a crack in the roof tent, this is a warning that the roof tent may come off while driving. If you continue to drive the vehicle with a roof tent that is

cracked, it is possible that the roof tent might come off, increasing the chance of a crash

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

Name : YUANCHENG AUTO ACCESSORIES CO., LTD

Address : Shang Zhai Industrial Zone, Tan Tou Town  
Tianta Zhejiang FOREIGN STATES

Country : China

## Chronology :

In November 2018, the Company was notified that the top cover on a roof top tent was cracking due to extreme cold weather at dealerships in the Midwest. The Company believed that they simply had a product quality issue so it began looking for a new component part supplier. In February 2019, the Company received a few additional complaints about a cracked roof top tent. On April 17, 2019, the Company received a complaint from another dealer stating that the roof-top cracking was not merely a cosmetic issue, but one that presented a safety concern. At this point, the Company had already initiated a recall of the impacted vehicles for other purposes. Upon discussing this additional issue with NHTSA, Company was advised by NHTSA on April 23, 2019, that it should list this issue as a separate recall notification

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The affected vehicles are already subject to another NHTSA ID 19V190 . The vehicles in this recall will be subject to the same remedy plan as provided for in the original recall. That plan is as follows:

EHGUSA-AF is in the process of dissolving its business operations and has limited resources available. EHGUSA-AF is currently evaluating whether a repair option is available at no cost. One potential remedy is to repurchase the vehicles. Company has notified its dealers of the recall and directed them to not sell any of the affected units. Company will send out approved 573 notices once those are finalized and submitted to NHTSA. Company will provide supplemental notifications to NHTSA on its repair/repurchase plan as soon as it has confirmation on the options available. The Company is currently working on securing financing for a remedy plan.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : All 2018 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited – American Fastbacks Edition, Badlands Model were equipped with a roof top tent that was purchased from an overseas supplier. The suspect roof top tent was only one model from the supplier who lacked quality control of its product and never provided the

customer [us] with a resolution to fix the design and material issue. Those Badlands Model vehicles that were exposed to cold weather saw most roof top tents crack and break immediately. A replacement [remedy] component has not been identified yet but it will likely come from a different supplier.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :

EHGUSA-AF is no longer actively conducting business. It does not anticipate that any new vehicles will be upfitted. Remedy has been updated, please refer to document name JRV\_19V320 Recall Remedy for additional details.

### Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : EHGUSA-AF mailed dealer notifications on April 29, 2019 instructing the dealers to not sell any of the units. It will send out additional notices once more information is available regarding the remedy plan. EHGUSA-AF anticipates mailing consumer notices within the next thirty days. It is believed that there are only four consumer purchasers of these vehicles. EHGUSA-AF will submit the 573 consumer notices to NHTSA, along with copies of the outside of the envelopes, before mailing the letters. It is anticipated that all notifications will be completed within the next 45 days. EHGUSA-AF will provide NHTSA with supplemental notice regarding the estimated date on which notifications will be issued.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : APR 29, 2019 - MAY 10, 2019

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAY 06, 2019 - MAY 31, 2019

### Purchaser Information :

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name :

Address :

Country :

Company Phone :

\* NR - Not Reported