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**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NEF-150KL
20E-033

Subject: Bluetooth Brake Control Functionality

Dear Mr. Grigorian:

This letter serves to acknowledge Horizon Global'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:

TEKONSHA/PRODIGY ELEC. BRAKE CONTR/9999
TEKONSHA/PRODIGY HAND HELD UNIT/9999

Mfr's Report Date: May 27, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20E-033

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: INTEGRATED TRAILER BRAKE CONTROL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,285

Problem Description:

Horizon Global (Horizon) is recalling certain Tekonsha Prodigy RF Electronic Brake Control with Bluetooth kits, part number 902501, and certain Hand Held units, Part No. 90253, that were sold separately as replacements to be used with the 902501 sold for use on for 1 to 3 axle trailers. The brake control kit and its informational materials do not adequately instruct the operator that trailer brake functionality via foot pedal is unavailable when used in conjunction with certain 7-Way Trailer Connectors, while the tow vehicle's 4-Way Hazard Warning Signals are activated. The manual hand-held override trailer braking continues to function as intended.

Consequence:

If a driver of a vehicle equipped with certain 7-way trailer connectors is not aware that trailer braking via foot pedal is unavailable while the 4-Way Hazard Warning Signals are in use, a delay in applying the manual hand-held brake may increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Horizon will notify owners and dealers, and will provide a replacement part that provides notice/indicators to the driver when foot pedal braking is unavailable, along with updated instructions, free of charge. This recall is expected to begin June 9, 2020. Owners may contact Horizon customer service at 1-877-973-7871.

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 identify if these units are only sold to end users through distributors or if there are vehicle manufacturers that purchase and install these onto vehicles.

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).

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 Kristin Lepper who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, or by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Joshua Neff
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Enforcement