



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

July 15, 2020

Mr. Robert Ray  
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NEF-150KL  
20E-047

**Subject:** Lift Kits May Be Installed with Wrong Size Tires

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:**

TAP WORLDWIDE/RUBICON EXPRESS LIFT KIT/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** July 8, 2020

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 20E-047

**Components:**

SUSPENSION

TIRES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 22

**Problem Description:**

TAP Worldwide, LLC (TAP) is recalling certain Rubicon Express 4.5" and 5.5" Super-Flex suspension lift kits, part number JT7147, sold for installation on 2020-2021 Jeep Gladiator vehicles. The fitment guide for the lift kits may have inaccurately stated that 40" tires are compatible with the kit, however, installation of 40" tires can affect vehicle stability in certain emergency maneuvering situations.

**Consequence:**

Reduced vehicle stability from installing 40" tires can increase the risk of a crash during certain emergency maneuvering situations.

**Remedy:**

TAP will notify owners, and will replace the fitment guide and if necessary, will replace 40" tires with tires of an appropriate size, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin September 8, 2020. 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](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

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**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

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](mailto:kristin.lepper@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Joshua Neff  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement