



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Shannon Engel
Quality Manager
Curt Manufacturing LLC
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NEF-150KL
20E-048

Subject: Towbar Axial Pivot Pin May Loosen or Fail

Dear Mr. Engel:

This letter serves to acknowledge Curt Manufacturing 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:

CURT MANUFACTURING/RAMBLER RV TOWBAR/9999

Mfr's Report Date: July 13, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20E-048

Components:

TRAILER HITCHES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 447

Problem Description:

Curt Manufacturing LLC. (Curt Manufacturing) is recalling certain Rambler RV Towbars, part number 70001. The axial pivot pin on the towbar may loosen or fail.

Consequence:

If the axial pivot pin loosens or fails, it may result in separation of the hitch and activation of secondary safety features, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Curt Manufacturing will notify owners, and dealers will replace the towbar, free of charge. This recall is expected to begin July, 27, 2020. Owners may contact Curt Manufacturing customer service at 1-800-798-0813.

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 ensure the following requirements are met:

A statement that the defect or noncompliance can cause a vehicle crash without prior warning; or a description of whatever prior warning may occur, and a statement that if this warning is not heeded, a vehicle crash can occur (49 CFR 577.5 (f)(1)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Please identify if any of the affected towbars were sold to RV manufacturers, and supply the names and known quantities if so.

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
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement