



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

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NEF-150KL  
20E-065

**Subject:** Pintle Hooks may not Stay Latched

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:**

DRAW-TITE/PINTLE HOOK/9999  
REESE/PINTLE HOOK/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** September 9, 2020

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 20E-065

**Components:**

TRAILER HITCHES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 21,854

**Problem Description:**

Horizon Global (Horizon) is recalling certain Draw-Tite 4204, 63010, 63011 and 63012 and Reese Towpower 741161142, 74115, 7411533, 7411542, 74116, 74117, 7411742, 7411633 and 7411733 Ball and Pintle Hook combinations from November 2019 through August 2020. Due to an out of position pivot hole on the base component, there may be reduced engagement between the T-latch and the base, possibly preventing the upper moveable jaw from securely locking in the closed position.

**Consequence:**

If the pintle hook comes unlocked, the towed vehicle may separate, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Horizon will work with dealers and distributors to notify owners, and replace the affected pintle hooks, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin October 19, 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](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

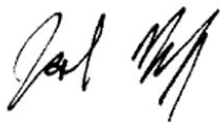
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification 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,



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Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement