



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

May 11, 2021

Mr. Joe Works
President
B&W Custom Truck Beds, Inc., B&W Hitches
1216 Hawaii Road
P.O. Box 186
Humboldt, KS 66748

NEF-107KL
21E-042

Subject: Insecure Locking Receiver Hitch Pin Connection

Dear Mr. Works:

This letter serves to acknowledge B&W Custom Truck Beds, Inc., B&W Hitches'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:

B&W TRAILER HITCHES/LOCKING RECEIVER HITCH PI/9999

Mfr's Report Date: May 5, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21E-042

Components:

TRAILER HITCHES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 8,378

Problem Description:

B&W Custom Truck Beds, Inc. (B&W) is recalling certain 5/8" Stainless Steel Locking Receiver Hitch Pins, part number TS51237 and TS51237JD. A defective hitch pin lock can be removed without a key, allowing the ball mount to detach from the receiver tube.

Consequence:

A detached ball mount can allow the towed trailer to separate, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will replace the locking hitch pin, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed May 17, 2021. Owners may contact B&W customer service at 1-620-473-3664.

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 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.

B&W Custom Truck Beds, Inc., B&W Hitches's contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement