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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION  
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 04E-041 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **May 28, 2004**

Date Faxed: **June 08, 2004**

**MANUFACTURER: BESTOP, INC.**

**MANUFACTURER CONTACT: BRIAN MARTINUZZI**

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**SUBJECT:** 80 Bestop aftermarket rear shell roof racks, manufactured between April 27 and May 20, 2004, designed for use with the Bestop hardtop made for the 1986-1995 and 1997-2003 Jeep Wrangler. The cockpit cover may not stay latched to the roof rack because the latch bracket mispositions the rotary latch to the cockpit cover. As a result, the cockpit cover may not stay latched to the roof rack and could separate from the roof rack. Should this occur, the cockpit could cause injury by striking persons outside the vehicle or could become a distraction or an obstacle to other drivers, possibly resulting in a vehicle crash.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

We have received your proposed owner notification letter and are in the process of reviewing it. We will be in touch with you once we have completed our review.

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. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin on July 1, 2004. Therefore, Bestop's first quarterly report will be due in the office on or before October 30, 2004.

If you have any questions, please call:

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