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NVS-215paw  
07V-005

**Subject: REAR CAP TO HITCH RECEIVER DISTANCE**

Dear MR VANDERMOLEN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. 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:**  
JAYCO/SENECA/2005-2007

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 07V-005

**Mfg's Report Date:** January 2, 2007

**Components:** TRAILER HITCHES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,271

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN MOTOR HOMES, THE DISTANCE FROM THE REAR CAP TO THE HITCH RECEIVER ENCOURAGES THE USE OF LONGER BALL MOUNTS AND/OR EXTENSIONS. THE LONGER THE BALL MOUNT AND/OR EXTENSIONS USED, THE GREATER THE FORCES THAT ARE APPLIED TO THE FASTENERS THAT ATTACH THE HITCH TO THE MAIN CHASSIS RAILS. THESE INCREASED FORCES EXCEED THE ALLOWABLE FORCES PERMITTED IN THE FASTENERS. WHEN THIS HAPPENS, THE FASTENERS MAY STRETCH, LOOSEN, OR BREAK CAUSING AN UNSAFE TOWING CONDITION OR SEPARATION OF THE HITCH FROM THE MOTOR HOME.

**Consequence:**

THIS COULD RESULT IN SEPARATION OF THE TOWED VEHICLE FROM THE MOTOR HOME WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH, INJURY OR DEATH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REPLACE ALL MOUNTING HARDWARE WITH HARDWARE OF A HIGHER GRADE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT JAYCO AT 1-800-283-8267.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

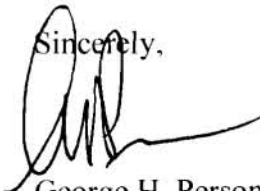
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

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 during January 2007. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before April 30, 2007.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [patricia.wallace@dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement