

NOTICE OF SAFETY RECALL

Re: Voluntary Recall of Hitching Post Pro, Expressway and Trailblazer Hitch-Style Bicycle Racks

Dear Thule Retailer,

In voluntary cooperation with federal authorities, Thule is recalling the following discontinued models; **Hitching Post Pro** (934, 934XT, 935, 935XT, 936, 936XT, 937, 937XT, 951, 951XT), **Expressway** (995, 995XT, 996, 996XT), **Trailblazer** (998, 998XT).

We have recently determined that a pinch point exists between the bike arm bracket and the upright assembly of the hitch-style bicycle rack. When moving the bike arm bracket to its down position, the pinch point has the potential to cause severe injury.

Our records indicate that your company has purchased product(s) from the above list. Until the details of the recall can be arranged with the federal authorities, we request that your company do the following with any remaining product in your inventories:



- STOP the sale of this product;
- **ISOLATE** and pull all affected inventory from the sales floor, shelves, display areas, etc., as well as from all distribution centers.

Once we receive approval from the federal authorities, we will immediately contact you with the details of the recall campaign.

In the interim, any assistance you can provide us regarding the collection of the names and addresses of any purchasers of these products will be greatly appreciated. Your assistance will aid in our ability to contact these customers and provide them with important information.

If you have any questions regarding this recall please call your Dealer Services Representative at **(800) 238-2388**.

Please note that no Thule products, other than the models identified above, are affected by this recall. In addition, the new 2007 line of hitch mounted bicycle racks (Revolver, Ridgeline and Roadway) feature the Hitch Switch[™] folding arms – which eliminates this pinch point.

We recognize that the safety of our shared customers is a paramount concern. Therefore, we thank you for your cooperation and apologize for any inconveniences this may cause. We highly value you as a trusted partner and in moving forward with this voluntary recall, hope to maintain the confidence you and your customers have placed in both our company and our products.

Sincerely,

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Exhibit D



