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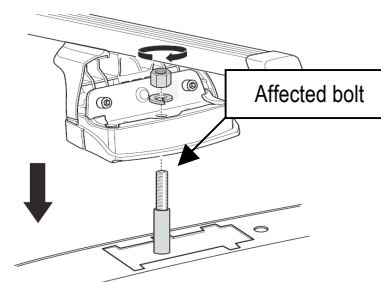
Re: NOTICE OF SAFETY RECALL
Voluntary Recall of Models 3068 and 3069 Fit Kits

Dear Thule Dealer,

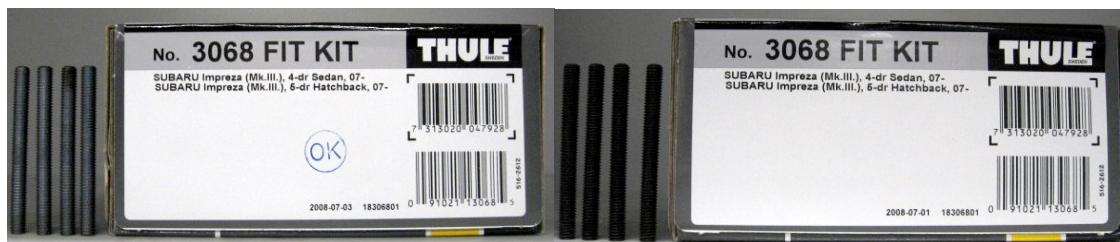
In voluntary cooperation with federal authorities, Thule is recalling model Fit Kits **3068** and **3069** that are used with models 460 and 460R Podium Foot Packs. These kits are used with the following vehicles:

Kit 3068		Kit 3069	
2009	Subaru Forester	2004-2009	Mazda 3 4DR with Fixed-Point
2008-2009	Subaru Impreza	2004-2009	Mazda 3 5DR with Fixed-Point
2008-2009	Subaru Impreza WRX	2006-2009	Mazda 5 with Fixed-Point
2008-2009	Subaru Impreza STI Wagon	2003-2009	Mazda 6 4DR with Fixed-Point
2008-2009	Subaru Outback Sport	2004-2009	Mazda 6 Hatchback with Fixed-Point
		2007-2009	Mazda CX-7
		2007-2009	Mazda CX-9

It has recently been determined that the bolt(s) used to secure the foot to the vehicle was manufactured to a hardness that may cause the bolt(s) to be brittle and potentially break under stress. This may result in the bolt(s) snapping off during use with or without a load. The unsecured rack and load can then come loose while driving creating a potential hazard to the consumer and/or others on the roadway.



In order to remedy this situation, please call your Thule Dealer Services Representative at (800) 848-5322 to receive an RA # and Thule will issue you an exchange, refund or credit - whichever you prefer. Replacement kits are available and can be distinguished by their labeling (they are visibly marked with an "OK" label on the outside of the carton) as well as their respective hardware (the new bolts are silver-colored vs. the original bolts, which were black-colored).



GOOD (Silver-colored bolts and OK stamp)

NOT GOOD (Black-colored bolts and no stamp)

To aid us in reaching as many consumers as possible, Thule requests that you provide us with contact information (name and address) of any customers to whom you have sold the product(s) covered by this recall. Please also direct them to our consumer service toll-free line at 1-800-238-2388. Once we make contact with the consumers we will provide them with a Recall Kit (new silver-colored bolts and instructions, part number 752-0993) or a replacement Fit Kit.

Finally, in order to keep you fully informed as to how we are proceeding with this voluntary recall, we have also included a copy of the retail **Point of Sale** poster concerning the recall that we request that you display in your stores. [We request that you make as many copies of the Point of Sale poster as may be needed, and that you arrange immediately for display of these posters at all of your retail locations.] Copies of our press release, instruction sheet from the Recall Kit and consumer notification letter can be found at www.thuleracks.com.

Please note that Thule, Inc. is required to advise you that it is a violation of federal law for you to sell or lease any item covered by this notification until the defect identified herein has been remedied.

We thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We highly value you as a trusted partner and want to maintain the confidence you and your customers have shown in our entire line of car rack systems.

Sincerely,

Noel Roberts
Director of Quality
Thule, Inc.

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