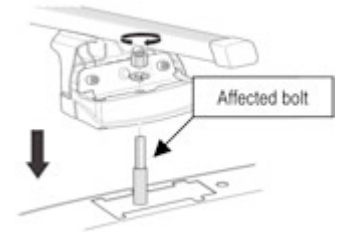


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THULE ANNOUNCES THE RECALL OF SELECT PODIUM FIT KITS

Seymour, CT – In cooperation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Thule, Inc. of Seymour, Connecticut is voluntarily recalling Fit Kit numbers 3068 and 3069 used in conjunction with the 460 and 460R Podium Foot Packs. Thule has determined that the bolt(s) used to secure the foot to the vehicle were 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. There have been no reported injuries. The Fit Kits involved were sold at bicycle, sporting goods, and automobile supply stores between January 2008 and March 2009. Consumers should stop using these racks immediately and contact Thule toll-free at 800-238-2388 between the hours of 9am and 8 pm Eastern Standard Time for information on how to obtain free Recall Kits (includes silver-colored replacement bolts and instructions). Consumers can also obtain information on this recall online at www.thuleracks.com.



RECALL FACTS:

WHAT: Thule Fit Kit 3068 and 3069 used in conjunction with Thule 460 and 460R Podium Foot Packs and 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

WHY: Thule has determined that the bolt(s) used to secure the foot to the vehicle were manufactured to a hardness that may cause the bolt(s) to be brittle and potentially break under stress.

REMEDY: Thule will provide, free of charge, Recall Kits for the affected Fit Kits.

WHAT TO DO: Consumers should stop using these racks immediately and contact Thule at 800-238-2388 between the hours of 9 am and 8 pm for information on how to obtain free Recall Kits.

MORE INFORMATION: Thule: 800-238-2388 www.thuleracks.com

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About Thule

Thule Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary within the Thule Group. It is the leading US manufacturer of transportation accessories with production sites in Seymour, Connecticut, Chicago, Illinois, Perry, Florida and Thomasville, Georgia. Thule's extensive product line features multi-purpose roof racks, roof top boxes, rear mount racks, truck boxes, side steps and accessories for transporting and organizing outdoor equipment (Thule), professional contractor equipment (Thule Professional and UWS) and recreational vehicles (Thule SMART RV). For more information visit www.thule.com.