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10V-188

SUBJECT: LATCHING MECHANISM ADVANCED TEC TRAILER

DEAR MS. SIMARD:

This letter serves to acknowledge Bombardier Recreational Products Inc and BRP US Inc's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

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:
BRP/SEA-DOO ADVANCED TEC/2010

Mfg's Report Date: April 27, 2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-188

Components: TRAILER HITCHES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 381

Summary:

BRP IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 SEA-DOO ADVANCED TEC TRAILERS MANUFACTURED FROM DECEMBER 10, 2009 THROUGH MARCH 22, 2010. THE LATCHING MECHANISM OF A SEA-DOO PERSONAL WATERCRAFT TO AN ADVANCED TEC TRAILER (KNOWN AS THE iCATCH) MAY BE MISADJUSTED AND NOT PROPERLY SECURE THE FRONT END OF THE PERSONAL WATERCRAFT BEING TRANSPORTED. WHEN THIS CONDITION EXISTS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ROAD OSCILLATIONS CAUSE THE PERSONAL WATERCRAFT TO JUMP OUT OF THE iCATCH HOOK PART OF THE MECHANISM.

Consequence:

IF THE REAR LATCHING STRAPS ARE NOT USED TO PROPERLY SECURE THE BACK END OF THE PERSONAL WATERCRAFT, IT MAY SLIDE OFF THE TRAILER INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL A SAFETY CABLE ON THE FRONT LATCH MECHANISM, TO AFFIX AN UPDATED LABEL ON THE TRAILER AND TO GIVE TO THE OWNER AN UPDATED USER GUIDE. THIS SERVICE WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE JUNE 15, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BRP AT 1-888-638-5397.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement