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Mr. Daniel C. Smith  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Bad Boy Buggies LSVs

Dear Mr. Smith:

Enclosed is Part 573 report covering a safety defect determined to exist in certain Low Speed Vehicles (LSVs) manufactured by Bad Boy Enterprises.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,



Erika Z. Jones

Enclosure

## DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

**1. Manufacturer's name/address:**

Bad Boy Enterprises, LLC  
199 Highway 61 South  
Natchez, Mississippi 39120

PO Box 19087  
Natchez, MS 39122

**2. Vehicles involved in this defect notification:**

Low Speed Vehicles (LSVs) known as the XT Model with Team rear differentials. This notification does not apply to any Classic LSV Models, nor does it apply to XT LSV Models with Dana differentials.

**3. Total number of vehicles: 16**

**4. Approximate percentage of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect:**

100%

**5. Description of the defect:**

The rear differential support bracket on XT LSVs with Team rear differentials has been identified as potentially susceptible to bending from metal fatigue under extreme operating conditions. If the rear differential support bracket were to bend, the steering of the vehicle could be compromised. Bad Boy Enterprises does not believe that this condition will arise except under extreme operating conditions in an off-road environment involving situations where the side of the buggy strikes an object or repeatedly strikes objects; however, as these LSVs are capable of off-road operation, Bad Boy is initiating this safety recall campaign as a precaution.

**6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:**

In May 2010, an independent contractor of Bad Boy Enterprises that is a spokesperson for the company was test-driving a Buggy in a deliberately harsh environment using severe steering inputs in order to evaluate the product in extreme operating conditions. In this test drive, the rear differential support bracket bent, causing the vehicle to pull slightly to the left. Although this event did not result in a loss of control of the vehicle, Bad Boy Enterprises decided to undertake a service campaign to replace the affected brackets as a precaution and notified its dealers about the service campaign in a technical service bulletin. Upon further evaluation, Bad Boy Enterprises decided that the condition is a potential safety-related defect, and decided to notify NHTSA and conduct the campaign as a safety-related defect recall campaign.

**7. Description of proposed remedy (including schedule for dealer and customer notification):**

The remedy will be the replacement of the rear differential support bracket with a larger bracket. Bad Boy Enterprises expects to begin customer and dealer notification promptly upon receipt of approval of the owner notification letter. A draft owner notification letter is attached for your review.

**8. Program for remedy campaign (including program for reimbursing any consumer who obtained the remedy at his/her own expense within one year of the opening of the EA, or within one year of this 573 report, whichever is earlier):**

Bad Boy Enterprises will notify owners of the affected LSVs to contact their dealers for an appointment for the recall service. Bad Boy Enterprises' dealers will install a new rear differential bracket free of charge on the affected LSVs.

Bad Boy Enterprises does not plan to offer reimbursement to any consumer because all affected LSVs are still covered by the new vehicle warranty.