



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. KRISTINA PENCE-DUNOW
PRESIDENT
DOUBLE K INC.
701 NORTH RAILROAD AVENUE
CRANDON, WI 54520

NVS-215ET
12V-344

Subject: Wheelchair Lift/Outer Roll Stop Latching Mechanism

Dear Ms. PENCE-DUNOW:

This letter serves to acknowledge DOUBLE K INC.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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:

DOUBLE K/MAINSTREET/2009
DOUBLE K/VILLAGER/2007-2009

Mfr's Report Date: July 12, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-344

Components:

EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4

Problem Description:

Double K is recalling certain model year 2007-2009 Hometown Trolley Villager and model year 2009 Hometown Trolley Mainstreet vehicles equipped with a Braun Vista-2 or Century-2 wheelchair lift. Over time and with frequent use, the roll stop latches on the outer barrier may become bent or misaligned.

Consequence:

A wheelchair occupant may defeat or ride over the insufficiently latched roll stop. If this occurs when the lift platform is in an elevated position, the wheelchair's occupant could fall and sustain injury.

Remedy:

Double K will notify owners, and the repairs will be performed by authorized Braun dealers free of charge. Double K has not provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Double K at 1-478-822-2242.

Notes:

Owners may also 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>.

We have received Double K's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

As stated in your report, we understand that Braun will be conducting this safety recall. However, since Double K is responsible for the defect/noncompliance in accordance with 49 CFR §573.5, please be advised that if Braun's safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require Double K to conduct a follow-up notification.

Your contact for this recall will be Edison Thompson who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at edison.thompson@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement