



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Rick Nelson
Director of Product Support
Braun Corporation
631 West 11th Street
Winamac, IN 46996

NVS-215KS
12V-496

Subject: Seat Cover Inhibiting Air Bag Deployment

Dear Mr. Nelson:

This letter serves to acknowledge Braun Corporation'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:
BRAUN/ENTERVAN/2012

Mfr's Report Date: October 5, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-496

Components:
SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 60

Problem Description:

Braun is recalling certain model year 2012 Entervan vehicles equipped with aftermarket seat covers, part numbers E51815K-D90-11 and E51817K-11, manufactured from February 28, 2012, through September 21, 2012. The seat covers may have been incorrectly installed with the driver seat cover on the passenger seat and vice versa and will have an 'SRS AIRBAG' label located on the inboard seat bolster.

Consequence:

The seat covers were built with special stitching on one side to permit side airbag deployment from the seat bolster. If the seat covers are installed on the incorrect seats, the seat cover will not allow side airbag deployment during a vehicle crash, increasing the risk of injury to the vehicle occupants.

Remedy:

Braun will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and correct the installation of the seat covers as needed, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during October 2012. Owners may contact Braun customer service center at 1-800-488-0359.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received Braun'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:

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 the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@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".

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