



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
13V-012

Subject: Toe Pan Panel/Accelerator Pedal Interference

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/RAMPVAN/2011-2013

Mfr's Report Date: January 9, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-012

Components:
STRUCTURE
VEHICLE SPEED CONTROL:ACCELERATOR PEDAL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 732

Problem Description:

Braun is recalling certain model year 2011-2013 Rampvan vehicles manufactured from May 8, 2012, through January 3, 2013. Braun Rampvans are Toyota Sienna minivans that have been modified for special use. The Braun-specific toe pan panel comes in close proximity to the accelerator pedal lever. There could be an interference of the toe panel pan and the accelerator pedal lever.

Consequence:

If there is interference, the pedal may not return to the idle position which may produce unintended acceleration. This could increase the risk of a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

Braun will notify owners, and Braun dealers will modify the toe panel plastic as needed, free of charge. The recall will begin in January 2013. This recall is being conducted by Braun and not by Toyota. 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:

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". 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