



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

March 29, 2013

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

NVS-215KS
13V-106

Subject: Track Bar Mount Weld may Fail

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/VISION REAR ENTRY/2006-2013

Mfr's Report Date: March 22, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-106

Components:

SUSPENSION:REAR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 65

Problem Description:

Braun is recalling certain model year 2006-2013 Vision Rear Entry mobility conversion vehicles built on Dodge and Chrysler minivan chassis from December 20, 2012, through March 21, 2013. The track bar mount assemblies were not properly welded during manufacturing. One or more welds are missing from the track bar which could result in separation from the rear axle.

Consequence:

If the track bar separates from the rear axle, the track bar may drag the ground and unexpectedly alter the control of the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Braun will notify owners, and Braun dealers will either repair or replace the entire track bar mounting assembly, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in early April 2013. 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.

Please 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 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 the first name being more prominent.

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