



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Elaine Haschel  
Braun Corporation  
631 W 11th St.  
Winamac, IN 46996

NEF-150KS  
16V-555

**Subject:** Electrical Harness can become crushed

Dear Ms. Haschel:

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/MXV/2016

**Mfr's Report Date:** July 22, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-555

**Components:**

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:WIRING  
EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 139

**Problem Description:**

Braun Corporation (Braun) is recalling certain model year 2016 MXV vehicles manufactured February 8, 2016, to June 23, 2016 and built on a Ford Explorer chassis. The passenger seat electrical harness may be incorrectly routed and can be crushed between the seat structure and the seat riser manufactured as part of the wheelchair accessible conversion.

**Consequence:**

The crushed seat harness may prevent correct passenger air bag deployment, increasing the risk of injury to the seat occupant in the event of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Braun will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the seat wiring harness routing. Improperly routed and/or damaged harnesses will be replaced and correctly routed as required, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Braun customer service 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](http://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).

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 required that owners 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.

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement