



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

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Mr. Barry Wolff
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NEF-150MR
19V-546

Subject: Electric Solenoid May Short Circuit and Cause Fire

Dear Mr. Wolff:

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/BRAUNABILITY MXV/2016-2019

Mfr's Report Date: July 24, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-546

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:WIRING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 256

Problem Description:

Braun Corporation (Braun) is recalling certain 2016-2019 Ford Explorer BraunAbility MXV wheelchair accessible conversion vehicles. The switch-activated electric solenoid used to release the rear seat base latches from the floor-mounted strikers may unintentionally switch and stay on. In this case, the wires may overheat, causing the wiring insulation to melt, possibly resulting in an electrical short circuit.

Consequence:

An electrical short circuit increases the risk of a fire.

Remedy:

Braun has notified owners, and dealers will add timer components to the solenoid circuits, free of charge. The recall began August 7, 2019. 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.

NHTSA is missing critical, required information for this safety recall. This information must be supplied through the NHTSA Recalls Portal within 5 working days of confirming its accuracy:

- Your company's program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of your company's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with § 573.13 of this part. Your company's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by § 573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in your company's report to NHTSA under this section. If your company submits one or more general reimbursement plans, your company shall update each plan every two years, in accordance with § 573.13. Your company's remedy program and reimbursement plans will be available for inspection by the public at NHTSA headquarters (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)). If the vehicles are new and would be covered under the manufacturer's warranty program, please state that in the remedy section of your filing.

Please update your filing to provide the owner and dealer notification dates.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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).

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Joshua Neff
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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement