

September 28, 2020

Mr. Robert Gillanders Attorney for Quadratec, Inc. 1028 Saunders Lane West Chester, PA 19380

Subject: Winch may Unexpectedly Move in High Temperatures

Dear Mr. Gillanders:

This letter serves to acknowledge Quadratec, Inc.'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: Q-PERFORMANCE/STEALTH SERIES/9999

Mfr's Report Date: September 11, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20E-067

Components: EQUIPMENT:MECHANICAL:WINCH

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,629

Problem Description:

Quadratec, Inc. (Quadratec) is recalling Q-Performance Stealth Series 10,000 and 12,000 lb. recovery winches, part numbers 92122.4010, 92122.4011, 92122.4020 and 9212.4021. During high temperature operation, expansion within the processor/switch may result in power flow to the winch motor, causing unintended operation of the winch.

Consequence:

Unintended winch operation can increase the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Quadratec will notify owners, and will replace processing unit and any associated components on the affected winches, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin September 30, 2020. Owners may contact Quadratec customer service at 1-800-745-6037. Quadratec's number for this recall is 2020-1W.

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:

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

> NEF-150KL 20E-067

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).

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.

NHTSA understands that Quadratec is a direct distributor and does not have dealers to notify regarding this recall.

Your contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, or by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Joshua Neff Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations Enforcement

