



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

January 19, 2023

Ms. Julie Gerstenberg
Comoto Holdings, Inc.
4020 S 26th St
Philadelphia, PA 19112

NEF-107DR
23E-004

Subject: Helmets May Not Adequately Protect User/FMVSS 218

Dear Ms. Gerstenberg:

This letter serves to acknowledge Comoto Holdings, 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:

BILT HELMET/BILT VERTEX/9999
BILT HELMET/BILT VERTEX PARABOLA/9999
BILT HELMET/BILT VERTEX STRIPES/9999

Mfr's Report Date: January 13, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23E-004

Components:

EQUIPMENT:MOTORCYCLE:HELMETS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 16,443

Problem Description:

Comoto Holdings, Inc. (Comoto Holdings) is recalling certain Bilt Vertex BLH133, Bilt Vertex Parabola BLH141, and Bilt Vertex Stripes BLH134 helmets, in sizes SM, MD, LG, and XL. The helmets may lack retention system integrity and adequate penetration protection. As such, these helmets fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 218, "Motorcycle Helmets."

Consequence:

A helmet that does not provide adequate protection increases the risk of injury during a crash.

Remedy:

Comoto Holdings will either provide a credit or replace the helmet, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed February 1, 2023. Owners may contact Comoto Holdings' customer service at 1-888-258-9530.

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.nhtsa.gov.



We note that your report states that Comoto Holdings, Inc. believes that this matter has a "very rare" safety risk. In our view, this statement has no force or effect in terms of Comoto Holdings Inc.'s obligation to undertake and complete the recall, and NHTSA does not agree with it.

We have received Comoto Holdings' proposed owner notification letter and it has been approved for distribution.

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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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.

Comoto Holdings, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Darishea Rollins who may be reached by email at darishea.rollins@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement