



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

**1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590**

August 28, 2026

26E061

Kurt Hall
Bell Sports, Inc.
16752 Armstrong Ave
Irvine, CA 92606

Subject: Helmets with Inadequate Impact Protection/FMVSS 218

Dear Kurt Hall:

This letter serves to acknowledge Bell Sports, 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.

Brand/Model/Part Number:
BELL/PIT BOSS HELMET

Mfr's Report Date: August 26, 2026

NHTSA Campaign Number: 26E061

Components:
EQUIPMENT:MOTORCYCLE:HELMETS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 400

Problem Description:

Bell Sports, Inc. (Bell) is recalling certain Pit Boss helmets, size medium, that were manufactured between January 1, 2025 and January 31, 2026. The helmets may lack proper impact 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 impact protection increases the risk of injury in a crash.

Remedy:

Bell will replace the helmet or reimburse owners, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed September 7, 2026. Owners may contact Bell's customer service at 1-800-216-9446.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-888-275-9171), or go to www.nhtsa.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).

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 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

Bell Sports, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Emily Smith who may be reached by email at emily.c.smith@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

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