



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

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

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26E068

Bill Kaufman
KUAT INNOVATIONS LLC
4520 W Kearney St
Suite 100
Springfield, MO 65803

Subject: Swing-Away Hitch Adapter Rear Cross Beam May Detach

Dear Bill Kaufman:

This letter serves to acknowledge KUAT INNOVATIONS LLC'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:

KUAT/Pivot V3

Mfr's Report Date: October 01, 2026

NHTSA Campaign Number: 26E068

Components:

EQUIPMENT:MECHANICAL:CARRIER/RACK

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,845

Problem Description:

Kuat Innovations LLC (Kuat) is recalling certain Pivot V3 swing-away hitch adapter with part numbers PV3D20B or PV3P20B. The hitch tube weld may crack, causing the cross beam to detach.

Consequence:

A detached cross beam can become a road hazard for other vehicles, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Kuat will replace the hitch adapter, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed November 1, 2026. Owners may contact Kuat customer service at 1- 417-889-5820.



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 ensure the following requirements are met:**Reimbursement Plan Not Supplied**

Provide 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 49 CFR 573.13. Your company's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan previously submitted to NHTSA. If your company submits a general reimbursement plan, your company shall update the plan every two years (49 CFR 573.13). If the equipment is new and would be covered under the manufacturer's warranty program, please state that in the reimbursement section of an amended Part 573 Recall Report through the NHTSA Recalls Portal.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**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).

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 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.

KUAT INNOVATIONS LLC's contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

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Chief, Recall Management Division

