

Yakima Recall – SpareTime Bicycle Carrier – part number 8002598

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE: NHTSA Campaign (XXX-XXX)

February 5, 2013

Dear Yakima Dealer,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Yakima Products has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists with certain Yakima SpareTime bicycle carriers.

REASON FOR RECALL

Yakima has determined that two mounting bolts on certain SpareTime do not meet material strength specifications. These bolts could break resulting in bike loads being ejected which could create a road hazard to other vehicles or possibly result in a crash or injury to persons outside the vehicle.

Yakima SpareTime products without identifying characteristics on the bolt are being recalled. If the SpareTime has markings on the bolt head, it is not affected by this recall.

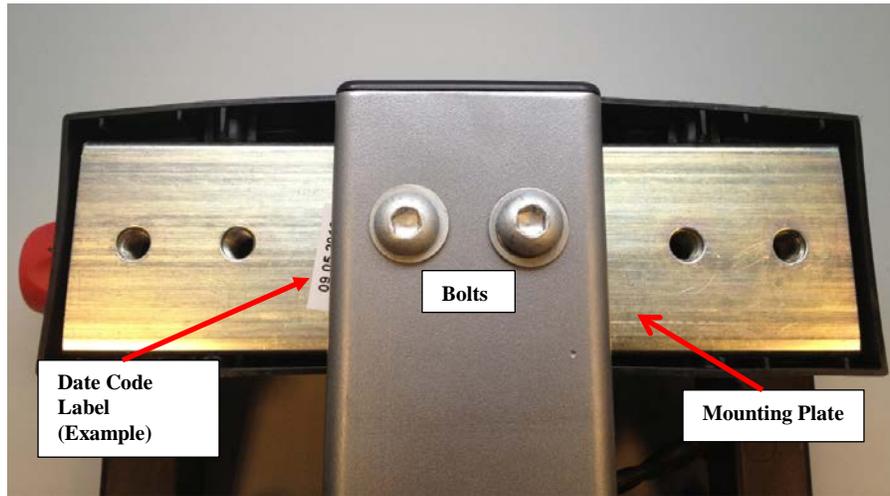
- **PLEASE INSPECT ANY INVENTORY TO ENSURE THE PROPER BOLTS ARE IN PLACE.**
 - Manufacturing date codes can be found stamped on the product packaging next to the barcode (one end only). Any date code between 1274 to 1365 or 2001 to 2305 should be inspected.
 - If the carton is no longer available, the date code can be found on the back of the arm assembly mounting plate. Example: 5 September 2012 would look like 09 05 2012 (See below picture for typical location and appearance of the date code. Check all SpareTime products between 10 01 2011 through 10 30 2012.
- **PLEASE PROVIDE A LIST OF CONSUMERS THAT HAVE PURCHASED A SPARETIME IN THE PAST 16 MONTHS.**



Example:
Good Bolt



Example:
Bad Bolt



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CONSUMER ACTIONS

Yakima is asking that consumers contact Yakima Customer Service. The consumer is being asked to remove and replace the two improper mounting bolts with the proper bolts that Yakima will provide at no cost. If they cannot do this on their own, Yakima will refer them to a Yakima dealer or independent shop for which labor expense will be reimbursed.

ADDITIONAL INFO

If you feel that Yakima did not, or was unable to, provide the remedy within a reasonable amount of time, you may write to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE, Washington, DC 20590, or contact the Vehicle Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236; (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to www.safercar.gov

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Our customers are important to us and we care about your safety and satisfaction with our products. Please contact dealer service at 888-925-4621 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Yakima Products, Inc.