



September 5, 2013

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

SAFETY RECALL CAMPAIGN #13E-042

Dear Distributor:

Sportworks Northwest, Inc. ("Sportworks") has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in its Apex 3™ bicycle racks **manufactured prior to April 8, 2013**.

The possibility exists that cracks may develop where the latch tube is welded to the two pivot tabs connected to the rack frame. Over time, the cracks may lead to the separation of the latch tube from the pivot tabs, causing the latch tube and latch handle to fall from the rack, resulting in potential road hazards increasing the risk of crash.

NOTE: Apex 3™ bicycle racks manufactured after April 8, 2013 have a larger rectangular latch tube and gussets supporting the weld between the new latch tube and round frame tubing and are not included in this recall (see Figure 1 attached).

Please immediately notify all of your customers who have purchased the recalled Apex 3™ units to contact Sportworks on or after September 1, 2013 to request a free replacement Apex 3™ frame. We have enclosed an owner safety recall notification letter and envelopes which you may use to communicate this notice to your customers.

Please keep a copy of all correspondence relating to this recall, together with any written responses from your customers. In addition, when requested by Sportworks, you should forward copies of all correspondence so that the company can monitor the progress of this recall.

NOTE: It is a violation of federal law for a dealer or distributor to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment covered by this notice under a sale or lease until the defect has been remedied.

NOTE: If you installed Apex 3™ bicycle racks as original equipment in motor vehicles that you manufactured for sale, you may decide that you have a reporting obligation to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6 with respect to such vehicles. You may contact NHTSA with questions by email to rmd.odi@dot.gov.

We regret any inconvenience this voluntary recall may cause you. If you have any questions regarding this recall, you may call Sportworks Sales & Support at (888) 661-0555, ext 2.

Sincerely,

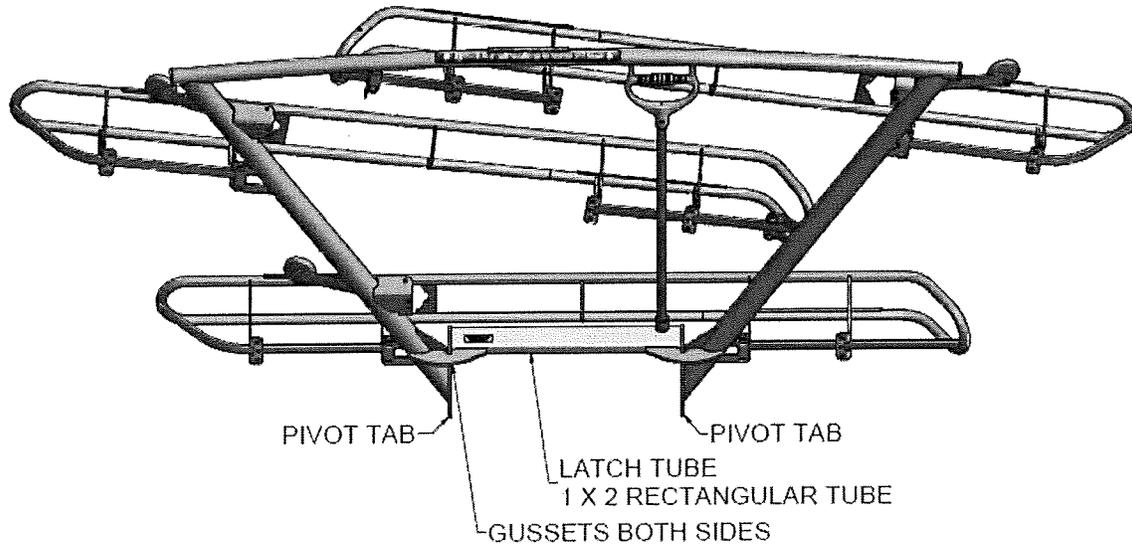
SPORTWORKS NORTHWEST, INC.

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Enclosures

FIGURE 1: APEX REVISION SCHEMATIC

NEW REVISION APEX



OLD REVISION APEX

