



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

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Mr. Steve Kelley
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NVS-215KS
13E-066

Subject: Encore Tonneau Covers may Separate

Dear Mr. Kelley:

This letter serves to acknowledge Extang Corporation'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:

EXTANG/ENCORE/9999

Mfr's Report Date: December 6, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13E-066

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 14,204

Problem Description:

Extang Corporation (Extang) is recalling certain Encore Tonneau Covers sold as an aftermarket accessory for pick-up trucks. The Encore cover is a hard-panel, tri-fold cover whose front and rear panels open to allow access to the truck bed. The subject covers have a front panel that may become unsecured while driving, allowing wind to lift and separate the covers from the truck beds.

Consequence:

If the cover separates from the truck bed, it may become a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Extang will notify owners and arrange to install tether straps to secure the front panel cover to the truck bed, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on January 6, 2014. Customers may call 1-866-432-1329 or visit www.TruckbedCoverRecall.com for more information or to arrange for installation of the tether straps.

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.safercar.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).

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

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements are already in effect. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement