



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

January 10, 2014

Ms. Karen Swearingen
Sharp Manufacturing, LLC
608 Main Street
Blue Rapids, KS 66411

NVS-215KS
13V-648

Subject: Interior Side Door Lock May Become Inoperable

Dear Ms. Swearingen:

This letter serves to acknowledge Sharp Manufacturing, 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.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

SHARP/CARGO TRAILER/2006-2013

Mfr's Report Date: November 26, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-648

Components:

LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,975

Problem Description:

Sharp Manufacturing is recalling certain model year 2006-2013 cargo trailers manufactured January 1, 2006, through April 30, 2013 and equipped with Fastec-brand door locks. It may be possible to remove the key from the lock in a way that potentially jams the deadbolt.

Consequence:

If the deadbolt jams, the interior side of the door lock may also jam. A person inside the cargo trailer at the time will then be locked in and be unable to exit the vehicle, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Sharp Manufacturing will notify owners, and Fastec will coordinate the inspection and replacement of the cylinders, as needed, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on January 15, 2014. Owners may contact Sharp Manufacturing at 1-785-363-7336 or Fastec at 1-800-837-2505.

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 of the owner notification letter to this office for our review no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers.

We have been informed that Fastec will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer, Sharp Manufacturing is ultimately responsible for conducting an adequate safety recall campaign of its vehicles. Accordingly, if this safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require Sharp Manufacturing to conduct a follow-up notification and conduct additional quarterly reporting.

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
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement