

The Coast Distribution System, Inc.

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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attention: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

RE: The Coast Distribution System

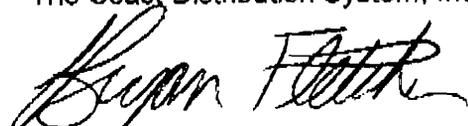
Dear Administrator:

Enclosed please find the Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Information Report on behalf of The Coast Distribution System, Inc.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Sincerely yours,

The Coast Distribution System, Inc.


Bryan Fletcher

Enclosure

Section 573.6 Information Report

1. Full corporate name of fabricating manufacturer/brand name/trademark owner of the recalled item of equipment.

Brand Name: Husky

Corporate Name: The Coast Distribution System
350 Woodview Ave, Suite 100
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
1-800-538-7973

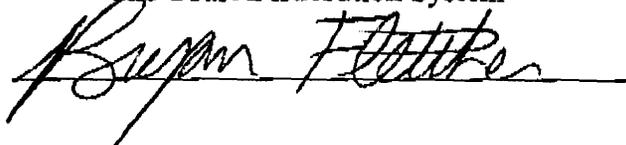
Corporate contact official:

Bryan Fletcher
Senior Vice President
Telephone: 800-538-7973 #2122
Fax: 408-782-8601

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report:

Bryan Fletcher
The Coast Distribution System

Signed:



2. Items of Equipment Involved in this Recall

Generic name of item: Shanks for hitches used to tow travel trailers.

The Weight Distribution Hitches to be recalled use a shank manufactured by a specific factory and which bear the factory part designation on the shank itself (see also Response to Nos. 5 and 6 below). The shanks were packed in Weight Distribution Hitch kits dated from March 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007.

The Part #'s affected are as follows:

Part #	Product Description
07020	501 – 800lb Weight Distribution Hitch, Trunnion Bar Style
07021	400 – 600lb Weight Distribution Hitch, Round Bar Style
07022	501 – 800lb Weight Distribution Hitch, Round Bar Style
07023	801 – 1,200lb Weight Distribution Hitch, Round Bar Style

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07034 801 – 1,200lb Weight Distribution Hitch, Trunnion Bar Style
07036 1,201 – 1,700lb Weight Distribution Hitch, Round Bar Style
07658 Hitch Head and Shank Kit
07659 Hitch Head and Shank Kit
07660 Shank Kit
07668 Hitch Head and Shank Kit
07670 Hitch Head and Shank Kit

The recall population includes all Coast-distributed items that fit the suspect shank production identified by Coast's suppliers of this item:

Thule Towing Systems
Chris Hawksley, General Manager
32501 Dequindre Road
Madison Heights, MI 48071
248-588-6900

Hyline International
Arvinder Singh, President
25211 Avenue Stanford
Valencia, CA 91355

The sourcing supplier (Hyline) has indicated that this manufactured product has been discontinued in production effective March 31, 2007.

3. Total number of items of equipment recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

7,543 pieces (estimate based on shipment numbers furnished by suppliers)

4. Approximate percentage of total number of items of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance:

Unknown

5. Description of defect or noncompliance and potential consequence.

The Weight Distribution Shank, which fits into the trailer hitch receiver of a tow vehicle, may break under certain towing conditions. Based on information received from the suppliers of the product to Coast, the cause of the shank breakage is weld-related.

If the shank breaks completely, vehicle crash without prior warning could occur.

6. Chronological summary of principal events that were basis for determination of defect.

On or about June 6, 2007, Coast was informed by two RV dealers that a trailer hitch shank had broken. Minor or no property damage reportedly was involved. On or about June 11, Coast was informed by an owner that a shank had broken and caused damage to the owner's trailer. During this time period, Coast began discussion with its two suppliers regarding the shank breakage. Coast was advised by Hyline International that the Coast shanks were manufactured by CTC, a specific factory from which Hyline International sourced the shanks. By June 18, Coast was advised by Hyline International and Thule Towing Systems that testing revealed a potential breakage issue with the CTC-manufactured shank.

7. Inapplicable

8. Description and estimated timing of remedy program.

Coast will replace the recalled shanks free of charge. All affected part #'s in the Coast inventory will be inspected and "CTC" shanks will be placed in quarantine. All non-"CTC" shanks will be identified with a Blue Dot next to the outside Carton Label indicating that the product has been inspected and is acceptable inventory for sale.

Coast mailed a precautionary Stop Sales Notice on June 18-20, 2007 to all dealers that purchased Shanks from Coast during the period January 1, 2006 through June 19, 2007. Coast estimates that it will be able to provide dealer notification of the Coast voluntary recall in the next 5 business days and that such mailings to dealers will be completed within 5 days. Coast will request dealers to provide names and addresses of known purchasers of the product for Coast to send the voluntary recall owner notice letter, after such letter is reviewed by NHTSA. Coast estimates that owner notification will begin on or about July 11 and will be completed within 10 days.

9. Copies of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser.

A copy of the precautionary Stop Sales Notice to dealers is enclosed.

June 18, 2007

**STOP SALES NOTICE
on Weight Distribution Shanks**

Re: Weight Distribution Kits including shank number 07660:

- Nos. 07020
- 07021
- 07022
- 07023
- 07034
- 07036

and

Replacement part kits including shank # 07660:

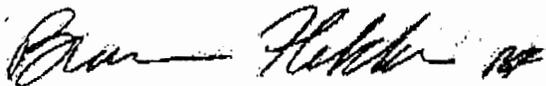
- Nos. 07658, 07659, 07660, 07668, 07670

Dear Dealer,

We have recently learned from a third party of a potential failure with the Weight Distribution Shanks referenced by part numbers above. We have discovered some suspect welds and are in the process of examining the welding process and weld quality of these shanks.

Although the testing is not complete, we are asking you to place these Weight Distribution Shanks on "hold." **Please stop selling these Weight Distribution Shanks immediately.**

We hope to have further information to you in the near future. In the meantime, please retain all shanks referenced above. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Bryan Fletcher
Senior Vice President, The Coast Distribution System
General Manager, Husky Towing Products