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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

JUL 17 2007

MR. BRYAN FLETCHER  
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT  
THE COAST DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
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MORGAN HILL, CA 95037

NVS-215kjs  
07E-044

Subject: WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION TRAILER HITCHES

Dear MR. FLETCHER:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. 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:**  
COAST > CTC > 9999

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 07E-044

**Mfg's Report Date:** June 22, 2007

**Components:** TRAILER HITCHES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 7,543

**Summary:**  
CERTAIN AFTERMARKET COAST DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM TRAILER HITCH KITS, P/NOS. 07020, 07021, 07022, 07023, 07034, 07036, 07658, 07659, 07660, 07668, AND 07670, PRODUCED FROM MARCH 1, 2006, TO MARCH 31, 2007, AND WHICH BEAR THE FACTORY DESIGNATION "CTC". DUE TO A BAD WELD, THE WEIGHT DISTRIBUTION SHANK CAN FAIL AND CAUSE THE TRAILER BEING TOWED TO BECOME UNHITCHED OR UNSTABLE.

**Consequence:**

SHOULD THE TRAILER BECOME UNHITCHED OR UNSTABLE, A VEHICLE CRASH CAN OCCUR.

**Remedy:**

COAST DISTRIBUTION WILL NOTIFY ITS OWNERS AND WILL PROVIDE REPLACEMENT SHANKS FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JULY 2007. OWNERS CAN CONTACT COAST AT 877-544-4449.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

As discussed in your telephone conversation with Kelly Schuler of my staff on July 11, 2007, we have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577. 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 close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227 or by email at [KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV](mailto:KSCHULER@NHTSA.DOT.GOV).

Sincerely,



*for* George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement

Cc: Mr. Paul Laurenza