



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

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PROGRAM MANAGER - CHILD SEATS
RECARO NORTH AMERICA, INC.
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NVS-215kjs
08C-003

Subject: HARNESS MAY FAIL TO RESTRAIN CHILD

Dear MS. MARCUZZI:

This letter serves to acknowledge RECARO North America, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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:

RECARO/COMO/9999

RECARO/SIGNO/9999

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08C-003

Mfg's Report Date: February 21, 2008

Components: CHILD SEAT: HARNESS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 7,498

Summary:

RECARO IS RECALLING 7,498 SIGNO AND COMO CONVERTIBLE CHILD RESTRAINT SYSTEMS WITH COLOR MODEL CODES OF 330.00 AND 331.00, MANUFACTURED PRIOR TO DECEMBER 18, 2007. THE HARNESS MAY BECOME DISCONNECTED FROM THE HARNESS CONNECTOR WHEN A CHILD IS PLACED IN OR REMOVED FROM THE CHILD SEAT.

Consequence:

IF THE HARNESS BECOMES DISCONNECTED AND A VEHICLE CRASH OCCURS, THE CHILD MAY NOT BE SECURELY FASTENED TO THEIR CHILD SEAT AND MAY SUSTAIN INJURY.

Remedy:

RECARO IS ISSUING A FREE SAFETY RECALL KIT CONTAINING TWO RUBBER CAPS FOR INSTALLATION ON THE HARNESS CONNECTOR ALONG WITH AN INSTRUCTION SHEET. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING FEBRUARY/MARCH 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT RECARO CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT 1-800-8-RECARO OR VISIT THEIR WEBSITE AT WWW.RECARO.COM.

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 report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and envelope and they meet 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 the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

Patricia A Wallace

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