



September 5, 2013

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

SAFETY RECALL CAMPAIGN #13E-042

Dear Owner of Apex 3™ Bicycle Rack:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Sportworks Northwest, Inc. ("Sportworks") has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in its Apex 3™ bicycle racks **manufactured prior to April 8, 2013**.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SAFETY DEFECT

The possibility exists that cracks may develop where the latch tube is welded to the pivot tabs connected to the rack frame.

DESCRIPTION OF THE SAFETY HAZARD

Over time, if the cracks go unnoticed by the bus operator or maintenance personnel, the cracks may lead to the separation of the latch tube from the pivot tabs, causing the latch tube and latch handle to fall from the rack, resulting in potential road hazards increasing the risk of a crash.

NOTE: Apex 3™ units manufactured after April 8, 2013 have a larger rectangular tube and gussets supporting the weld between the new latch tube and round frame tubing and are not included in this recall (see Figure 1 attached).

REPAIRS

Sportworks will facilitate the replacement of the frame of your recalled Apex 3™ bicycle rack free of charge.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO

Please contact Sportworks Sales & Support at (888) 661-0555, ext. 2 to make arrangements for this replacement.

There are several important precautions you should take until this repair has been performed:

- Inspect rack for cracks that may develop where the rectangular latch tube is welded to the two pivot tabs (see Figure 2 attached).
- If cracks are visible, the Apex 3™ bicycle rack should be removed from the vehicle and not used until the frame is replaced.
- If cracks are not visible, cracks may develop over time and Sportworks highly recommends that the Apex 3™ bicycle rack be removed from the vehicle and not used until the frame is replaced.



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Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of the notice to the vehicle lessee within ten days.

You may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, D.C. 20590 or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-429-9153) or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>, if you believe that Sportworks has failed or is unable to remedy your equipment without charge.

Sportworks regrets any inconvenience this voluntary recall may cause you. If you have any questions regarding this recall, you may call Sportworks Sales & Support at (888) 661-0555, ext. 2.

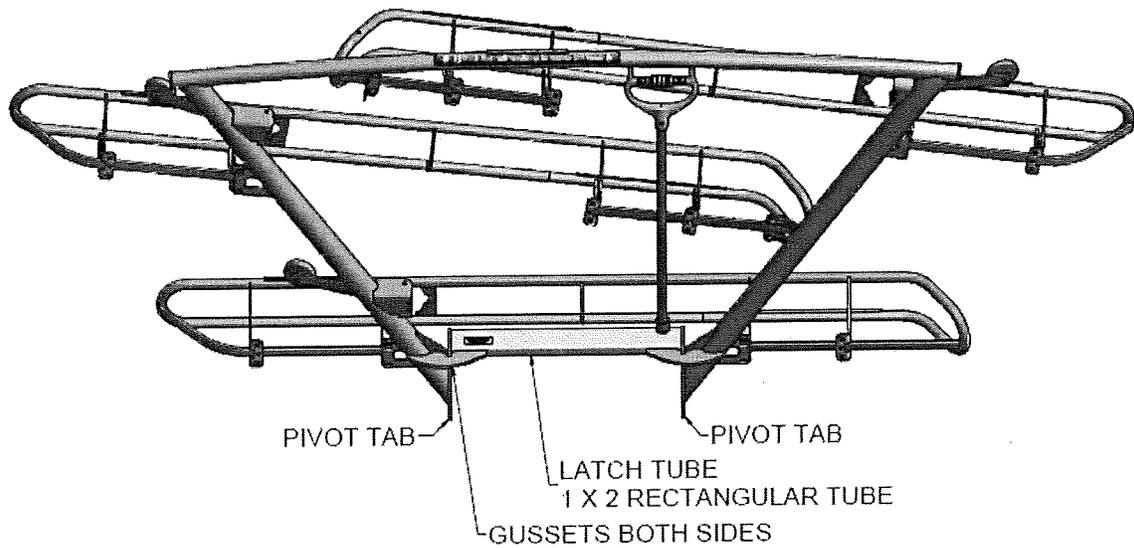
Sincerely,

SPORTWORKS NORTHWEST, INC.

Michael Reeves
President

FIGURE 1: APEX REVISION SCHEMATIC

NEW REVISION APEX



OLD REVISION APEX

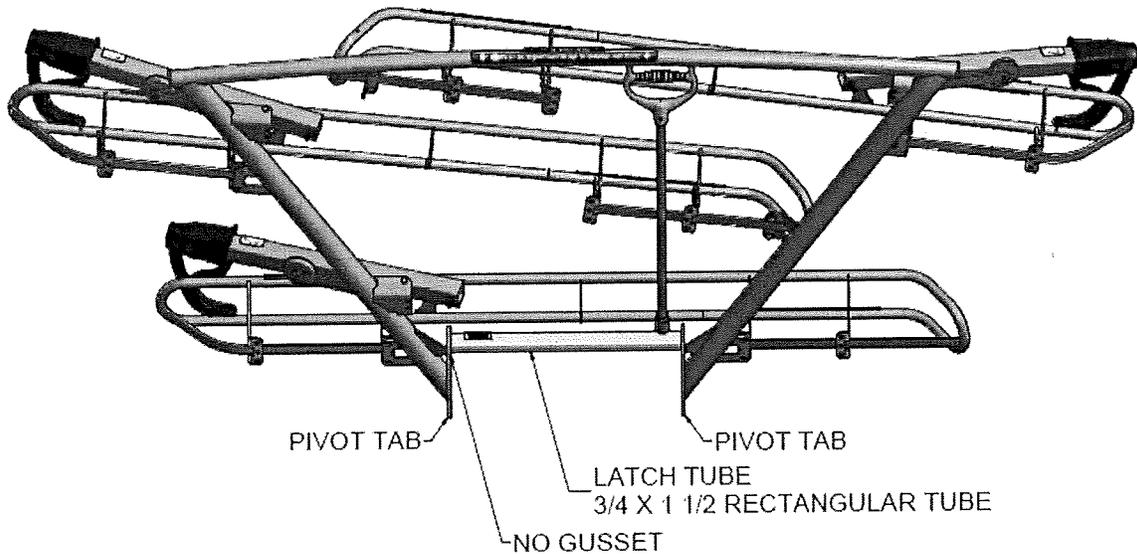
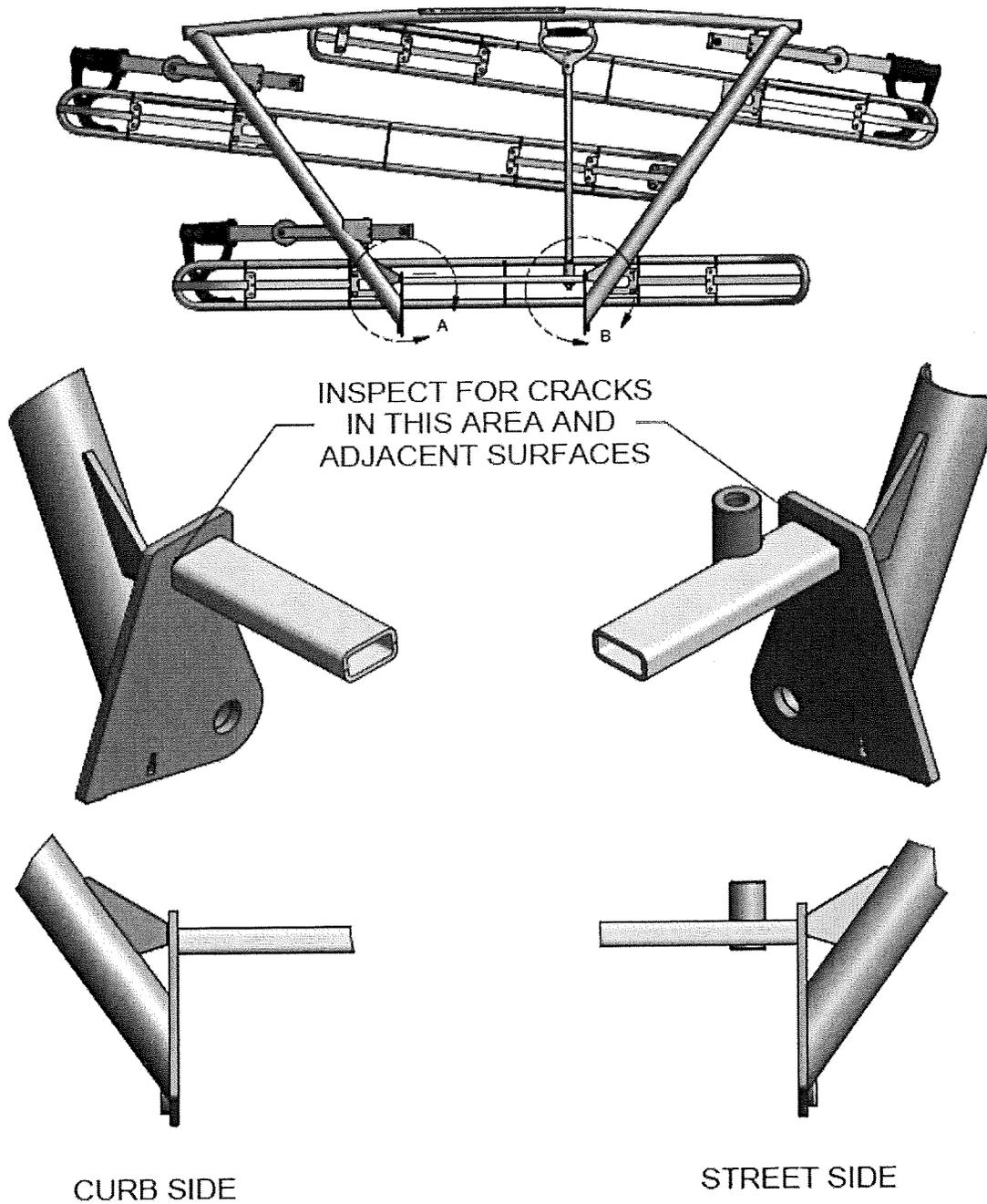


FIGURE 2: APEX RACK INSPECTION

APEX RACK IN STOWED POSITION



CURB SIDE

STREET SIDE