



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

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Mr. Russ Jacobsen
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Yakima Products, Inc.
15025 SW Koll Parkway
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NVS-215KS
15E-049

Subject: Q-Tower Roof Rack may Detach Unexpectedly

Dear Mr. Jacobsen:

This letter serves to acknowledge Yakima Products, Inc.'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:

YAKIMA/Q-TOWER/9999
YAKIMA/Q-TOWER STRIPPED REPLACE/9999

Mfr's Report Date: June 5, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15E-049

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,468

Problem Description:

Yakima Products, Inc. (Yakima) is recalling certain Q-Tower Roof Racks, part numbers 8000124 and 8000135, manufactured January 26, 2015, to May 26, 2015, and Q-Tower Stripped Replacement towers, part number 8880048, manufactured April 1, 2015, to April 15, 2015. The affected roof racks have crossbar clamping wedges that may slide on the crossbars during the installation process, causing the rack to have a loose fit on the vehicle.

Consequence:

A rack that does not snugly fit the roof may eject from the vehicle while it is in motion increasing the risk of a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

Yakima will notify owners and will provide owners with proper crossbar clamping wedges, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in June 2015. Owners may contact Yakima customer service at 1-888-266-3085 or email them at qtowerrecall@yakima.com.

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.

We have received Yakima's proposed owner notification letter and envelope and they are currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian".

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement