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NVS-215
08C-008

SUBJECT: LATCH CONNECTOR LOCKING PAWL

DEAR MR. MATTAROCCHI:

This letter serves to acknowledge Baby Trend, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect for the products listed below for which a safety 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:

BABY TREND/6481 (RIGID LATCH-LOC) /9999
BABY TREND/6400 RIGID LATCH-LOC BASE/9999
BABY TREND/6439 (RIGID LATCH-LOC) /9999
BABY TREND/6448 (RIGID LATCH-LOC) /9999

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08C-008 **Mfg's Report Date:** June 23, 2008

Components: CHILD SEAT:BASE (INFANT)
CHILD SEAT:VEHICLE LATCH ANCHOR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5,787

Summary:

BABY TREND IS RECALLING 5,787 LATCH-LOC CAR SEATS, MODELS MAGNUM 6439, GALAXY 6481, SILVERADO 6448, AND 6400S STAND ALONE BASES, MANUFACTURED BETWEEN MAY 14, 2007 AND APRIL 1, 2008. INCORRECT STEEL WAS USED ON THE LATCH CONNECTOR LOCKING PAWL.

Consequence:

THE LATCH CONNECTOR LOCKING PAWL CAN CRACK ALLOWING THE CHILD SAFETY SEAT BASE TO DETACH FROM THE VEHICLE'S LATCH ANCHORS DURING A SEVERE CRASH. THIS CAN RESULT IN THE SEAT FAILING TO PROVIDE THE PROPER PROTECTION FOR ITS OCCUPANT.

Remedy:

BABY TREND WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPLACE THE BASE FREE OF CHARGE. ONLY RIGID LATCH-LOC MODEL CHILD RESTRAINTS ARE INVOLVED IN THIS RECALL. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JUNE 2008. OWNERS CAN CONTACT BABY TREND TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-328-7363.

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).

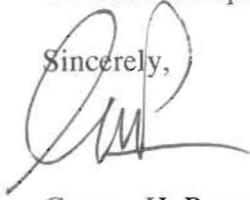
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a large, stylized initial 'G' and a horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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

cc: Mr. Frederick B. Locker, Esq.
Locker Greenberg & Brainin, PC