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## **SAFETY BULLETIN**

Ride Manufacturer: Dartron Industries, Inc.	Affected Production Dates: All Cliff Hanger Rides
Ride Name: Cliff Hanger	Affected Serial #'s: All
Model #'s: All	

<u>Abstract of Issue</u>: Dartron is aware that some Cliff Hanger operators have experienced bent car Hanger Stems. Bent stems can result from lowering the car transport rack without removing pins that attach the Car Stabilizer Cross Tube to the car transport rack. See Page 2 of this Bulletin. Using the damaged stems can result in a failure of the stem and possibly injury to guests.

A damaged Car Hanger stem must be replaced if two people manually lifting the car cannot insert it into the receiver tube on the lower hanger block. Forcing the stem into and out of the receiver tube by the use of extreme force can damage the stem joints and in expensive repairs and possibly an injury.

**<u>Reason for release</u>**: The chain of events that can result in a failure of the Car Hanger Stem starts with the failure to remove pins from the Car Stabilizer Cross Bar before lowering the car rack. This Bulletin requires the use of different Car Stabilizer Cross Bar pins that are difficult not to remove before lowering the Car Rack.

The Bulletin also prohibits the use of damaged Car Hanger Stems that must be forced into and out of the Hanger Blocks

## Action to be taken:

- 7. Four new Car Stabilizer Bar pins with cables attached must be purchased from Dartron.
- 8. The cables must be attached to the car rack turnbuckles as shown on Page 2 of this Bulletin.
- 9. After April 1, 2004 the Cliff Hanger car racks must not be operated unless the Car Stabilizer Cross Bar pins are attached to the turnbuckles as shown on Page 2.
- 10. Damaged Car Hanger Stems must not be used if two individuals manually lifting the car cannot insert them into the Lower Hanger Block.
- 11. Until the new pins/cables are installed inspection should be especially vigilant against the use of stems that do not fit correctly into the receiver tubes.

