



Dear Cougar Saddle User,

Weaver Leather has been notified by U.S. Rigging Supply Co. (see attached notice) that any **unmarked** aluminum O-rings on the Weaver Cougar Saddles manufactured during 2007, 2008 and early 2009 are not suitable for use. **Please remove any unmarked rings from service immediately.** U.S. Rigging's review of this potential issue was initiated after Weaver Leather was recently informed of a failure in the field.

The reported fracture of an unmarked ring was being used on a Cougar Saddle. This is the first known failure of any aluminum O-ring on the Cougar Saddle. Fortunately **there was no injury to the user.** Weaver Leather has performed further tests on marked rings. Testing has confirmed that marked rings meet or exceed the industry standard, as noted in U.S. Rigging's attached recall notice, while unmarked rings may not meet the standards. This recall appears to be similar to the unmarked Kong ring recall initiated back in 2009.

**It is important for each user to closely examine both aluminum rings being used on their Cougar Saddle.** If either or both of the rings are unmarked, described in the U.S. Rigging notice, please follow the instructions on the attached recall form. Please note that many of the rings' markings could be worn and barely visible. Please inspect each of them very thoroughly. **If your ring has a "USR" marking or "ISC" marking (International Safety Components rings have been used by Weaver since 2008), these do not need to be replaced and are suitable for continued use.** See below, and the attached notice from U.S. Rigging, for sample pictures of properly marked rings, which do not need replaced (the below rings have been enhanced to show proper markings).

"USR" Ring (Ok to use)



"ISC" Ring (Ok to use)



Once the form is completed, Weaver Leather will immediately send a marked "ISC" replacement ring with a strap sewn to it (see below) and instructions for proper replacement. Weaver Leather has created a YouTube video to assist users in removing and replacing these rings (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvUVikpeh9w>).



We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience. If you have any questions regarding whether your rings need replaced, please contact Weaver Leather at 1-800-WEAVER-1.

Sincerely,

Weaver Leather



## U.S. Rigging Aluminum O-Ring Recall Form

To assist in U.S. Rigging's voluntary recall of the **unmarked** aluminum O-rings on the Cougar Saddle, please complete this form in its entirety and sign at the bottom (incomplete forms will not be accepted).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of unmarked O-Rings removed from service: \_\_\_\_\_

Where Cougar Saddle(s) was/were purchased: \_\_\_\_\_

Cougar Saddle Model No. (see stamp on back of saddle) : \_\_\_\_\_

Cougar Saddle Date Manufactured (see stamp on back of saddle): \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby acknowledge, under penalties of perjury, that I own a Weaver Cougar Saddle that contains one or more unmarked aluminum rings. I also understand that Weaver Leather may randomly request that I return the number of unmarked aluminum rings I am requesting for replacement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this completed and signed form directly to Weaver Leather at the below address, fax or email:

**Mail:** Weaver Leather  
Attn: USR Ring Recall  
7540 CR 201, PO Box 68  
Mt. Hope, OH 44660

**Fax:** (800) 693-2837

**Email:** [ringrecall@weaverleather.com](mailto:ringrecall@weaverleather.com)