



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Kerry Legg
New Flyer Industries Ltd.
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NVS-215KS
12V-466

Subject: Failure of the engine turbocharger

Dear Mr. Legg:

This letter serves to acknowledge New Flyer Industries Ltd.'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:

NEW FLYER/C40LF/2005-2006
NEW FLYER/C40LFR/2006

Mfr's Report Date: September 21, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-466

Components:

ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:ENGINE:OTHER FUEL TYPES:TURBO-CHARGER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 163

Problem Description:

New Flyer is recalling certain model year 2005-2006 C40LF and 2006 C40LFR transit buses, equipped with John Deere 8.1 liter turbocharged, compressed natural gas engines, model number 6081HFN04, manufactured from June 2002 through January 2008. Failures can occur within the engine turbocharger. The turbine or compressor wheel may fail, resulting in damage to the engine and/or an oil leak.

Consequence:

Failure of the turbine or compressor wheel may result in smoke, fire, or stalling; possibly leading to a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

The remedy for this issue is still under development. The recall is expected to begin in October 2012. Owners may contact New Flyer at 1-204-224-1251.

Notes:

New Flyer's recall campaign number is R12-025. 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 New Flyer's proposed owner notification letter and it is 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).

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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