



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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NVS-215KS  
13V-059

**Subject:** Incorrect Weights Listed on Labels

Dear Mr. Turley:

This letter serves to acknowledge Northwood Manufacturing, LLC'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:**

ARTIC FOX/295K/2013  
ARTIC FOX/295T/2013  
DESERT FOX/29SB/2013  
FOX MOUNTAIN/235RLS/2013  
FOX MOUNTAIN/285RLS/2013  
SNOW RIVER/266RDS/2013

**Mfr's Report Date:** February 19, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V-059

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 152

**Problem Description:**

Northwood Manufacturing, LLC (Northwood) is recalling certain model year 2013 Arctic Fox 29-5K and 29-5T fifth wheel trailers; model year 2013 Desert Fox 29SB toy hauler trailers; model year 2013 Fox Mountain 235RLS and 285RLS fifth wheel trailers; and model year 2013 Snow River 266RDS travel trailers. These vehicles were manufactured with incorrect information on the Federal Identification Tag, Tire and Axle Information Label, and the Trailer Weight Information Label. Thus, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 120, "Tire Selection and Rims for Motor Vehicles Other Than Passenger Cars."

**Consequence:**

An inaccurate label could lead to improper vehicle loading specifications which could cause axle failure which may result in an increased risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Northwood will notify owners and provide corrected replacement labels free of charge. Owners may contact Northwood at 1-800-766-6274.

**Notes:**

Northwoods campaign recall number is 2013-001. 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>.

This recall appears to include new motor vehicles that have not been sold and delivered to final purchasers. Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards. Noncompliant vehicles may only be sold once they have had any necessary recall repairs made.

We have received Northwood'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.

Northwood must submit a sample of the envelope in which you intend to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY," "RECALL," and "NOTICE," in any order, must be printed on the envelope in all capital letters, in a type larger than that used in the address section, and in a manner distinguishable from the other type in a manner other than size (for example, in a different font or color).

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](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement