



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

August 16, 2013

Mr. Bob Ferne
President
OBS, Inc.
1324 Tuscarawas Street W
Canton, OH 44702

NVS-215KS
13V-350

Subject: Unexpected Unfurling of the Awning

Dear Mr. Ferne:

This letter serves to acknowledge OBS, Inc.'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:

OBS/ADVENTURE III/2009, 2013
OBS/CONCEPT/2014
ROYAL/RTBGN/2013

Mfr's Report Date: June 25, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-350

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4

Problem Description:

OBS Inc. (OBS) is recalling one model year 2013 Adventure III and one Royal RTBGN vehicle; one 2014 Concept bus; and one 2009 Adventure III vehicle. Due to a design change in the Dometic-brand power awning motor assembly, the motor assembly screws may unknowingly shear.

Consequence:

If the motor assembly screws shear, it is possible that the awning can unfurl unexpectedly, either while the vehicle is at rest or while in transit, increasing the risk of personal injury or a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

OBS will notify owners and Dometic staff will replace the affected motors with motors of a different design. The recall began on June 26, 2013. Owners may contact OBS at 1-800-362-9592 or Dometic at 1-888-447-0003 for more information. Owners are being instructed not to drive their vehicle until repairs can be performed.

Notes:

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 OBS'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:

We understand from your report that this safety recall started over a month ago. Please be reminded that a manufacturer must notify NHTSA of its decision to recall within five days of when it makes that decision. Significant penalties may apply to manufacturers that do not notify or do not timely notify this agency about recall decisions. Also, it is our understanding that notification to owners began prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for OBS to do a renotification, the follow-up notification must be submitted to this office for review and it must comply with the requirements of Part 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision" and Part 577.10, "Follow-up notification."

We have been informed that Dometic will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer OBS is ultimately responsible for conducting an adequate safety recall campaign of its vehicles. Accordingly if this safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require OBS to conduct a follow-up notification and conduct additional quarterly reporting.

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,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
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Enforcement