



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

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NVS-215KS
14V-071

Subject: Interior Side Door Lock May Become Inoperable

Dear Mel Sandland:

This letter serves to acknowledge Three Feathers 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:

THREE FEATHERS/5TH WHEEL CARGO HAULER/2010
THREE FEATHERS/BACKPACKER/2009-2013
THREE FEATHERS/BACKPACKER 2/2012-2014
THREE FEATHERS/BACKPACKER 2 XT/2014
THREE FEATHERS/BUCKBOARD CARGO HAULER/2009-2011
THREE FEATHERS/CARGO HAULER SHELL NO CHA/2008
THREE FEATHERS/CUSTOM CAMPER/2010
THREE FEATHERS/CUSTOM CARGO TRAILER/2011
THREE FEATHERS/MULE CARGO HAULER/2006-2014
THREE FEATHERS/PELICAN CARGO HAULER/2010-2011
THREE FEATHERS/PINECONE TEAR DROP TRLR/2008-2014
THREE FEATHERS/TUMBLEWEED CAMPER/2011
THREE FEATHERS/TUMBLEWEED TEAR DROP TRLR/2012-2013

Mfr's Report Date: February 6, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-071

Components:

LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 480

Problem Description:

Three Feathers Manufacturing, LLC. (Three Feathers) is recalling certain model year 2006-2014 Mule Cargo trailers, 2012-2014 Backpacker 2 trailers, 2009-2011 Buckboard Cargo Haulers, 2009-2013 Backpacker trailers, 2008-2014 Pinecone Tear Drop trailers, 2010-2011 Pelican Cargo trailers, 2012-2013 Tumbleweed Tear Drop trailers, 2011 Tumbleweed Campers, one 2011 Custom Cargo trailer, one 2010 Custom Camper, one 2008 Cargo trailer shell (no chassis), one 2010 5th Wheel Cargo trailer and one 2014 Backpacker 2 XT trailer all equipped with Fastec-brand door locks. It may be possible to remove the key from the lock in a way that potentially jams the deadbolt.

Consequence:

If the deadbolt jams, the interior side of the door lock may also jam. A person inside the travel trailer or camper at the time will then be locked in and be unable to exit the vehicle, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Three Feathers will notify owners, and Fastec will coordinate the inspection and replacement of the cylinders, as needed, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Three Feathers at 1-541-663-8163 or Fastec at 1-800-837-2505.

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

Three Feathers 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). The envelope must also include a DOT/NHTSA label which can be found at: http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers/New_Recall_Label

We have been informed that Fastec will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer, Three Feathers 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 Three Feathers to conduct a follow-up notification and conduct additional quarterly reporting.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements are already in effect. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

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
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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement