



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ruth Gabaud
Wheeled Coach Industries, Inc.
2737 N. Forsyth Road
Winter Park, FL 32792

NVS-215KS
14V-642

Subject: Bracket for Suspension Fluid Tank may Fracture

Dear Ruth Gabaud:

This letter serves to acknowledge Wheeled Coach Industries, 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:

WHEELED COACH/TYPE I AMBULANCE/2013-2015
WHEELED COACH/TYPE III AMBULANCE/2013-2015

Mfr's Report Date: October 8, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-642

Components:
SUSPENSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 29

Problem Description:

Wheeled Coach Industries, Inc. (Wheeled Coach) is recalling certain model year 2014 emergency vehicles built on Dodge 4500 and Chevrolet CG33803 (G3500) chassis, and 2013-2015 emergency vehicles built on Ford F-450 chassis. The affected vehicles are equipped with LiquidSpring-brand aftermarket suspension kits. The mounting bracket that attaches the suspension fluid tank to the frame may fail, allowing the fluid tank to separate from the vehicle.

Consequence:

If the suspension fluid tank mount fractures and the tank separates from the chassis, the tank may become a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Wheeled Coach will notify owners, and LiquidSpring dealers will install a re-designed bracket, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Wheeled Coach customer service at 1-855-661-9232 or LiquidSpring customer service at 1-765-474-7816 extension 109.

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 Wheeled Coach'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.

Your defect information report states that LiquidSpring will be sending out the owner notification letters. As the vehicle manufacturer, the owner letter needs to be sent out on Wheeled Coach letterhead.

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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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,



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