



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

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NVS-215MR
15V-556

Subject: Seat Belt may Unlatch Unexpectedly/FMVSS 210

Dear Mr. Larsen:

This letter serves to acknowledge Eldorado National- Kansas'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:

ELDORADO/AMERIVAN/2015

Mfr's Report Date: September 2, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-556

Components:

SEAT BELTS:FRONT:ANCHORAGE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 23

Problem Description:

Eldorado National-Kansas (Eldorado) is recalling certain model year 2015 Amerivan vehicles built on Toyota Sienna chassis manufactured July 1, 2015, to August 20, 2015. In the affected vehicles, the Toyota seat belt tab may not properly latch to the Amerivan's Qstem seat belt buckle assembly. As a result, the seat belt may unlatch unexpectedly when pulled on. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorage."

Consequence:

If the seat belt unlatches, the occupant would not be properly restrained and is at an increased risk of injury in the event of a crash.

Remedy:

Eldorado will notify owners, and dealers will install a new Q-stem assembly with an alternate buckle assembly, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in October 2015. Owners may contact Eldorado customer service at 1-785-827-1033.

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 Eldorado'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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@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 more prominent.

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