



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Brian Shea
The RV Factory LLC
1060 E Waterford Street
Wakarusa, IN 46573

NVS-215MR
15V-653

Subject: Seat Bracket Weld may Fail/FMVSS 210

Dear Mr. Shea:

This letter serves to acknowledge The RV Factory 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:

AVION/AZURE/2015-2016

Mfr's Report Date: October 8, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-653

Components:

SEATS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 7

Problem Description:

The RV Factory LLC (RV Factory) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 Avion Azure motorhomes manufactured January 1, 2014, to September 24, 2015. The affected vehicles may have an improperly placed weld on the underfloor seat bracket used to mount the second row seats. As a result, the bracket may break in a crash. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages."

Consequence:

If the bracket breaks, the seats may move, increasing the risk of injury in the event of a crash.

Remedy:

RV Company will notify owners, and dealers will replace the brackets, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact RV Company customer service at 1-844-284-6678 ext 106.

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.

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.

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 required in Part 573.6(c)(7), in the case of a noncompliance, please provide the test results and other information used to determine the existence of the noncompliance. Include the date of each test and observation that indicated that a noncompliance might or did exist. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

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 a large initial "J" and "T".

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