



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

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NVS-215KS
15V-751

Subject: Water Heater May Scald Operator

Dear Mr. Biazio:

This letter serves to acknowledge Allied Recreation Group, 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:

FLEETWOOD/SOUTHWIND/2016

Mfr's Report Date: November 12, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-751

Components:

EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE:LPG WATER HEATER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 11

Problem Description:

Allied Recreation Group, Inc. (ARG) is recalling certain model year 2016 Fleetwood Southwind 34A, 36L, and 32VS motorhomes equipped with Atwood Model 0D50 on-demand water heaters. In the affected vehicles, the on-demand water heaters have a gas valve that may cause the water to overheat the water in the hot water supply tap.

Consequence:

The overheating of the water may result in the release of steam, possibly causing the operator is to scald themselves and increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

ARG will notify owners and Atwood will provide a remedy for the hot water heater free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact ARG customer service at 1-800-509-3417 or Atwood customer service at 1-574-264-2131.

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:

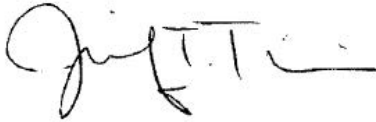
ARG must notify their customers and is required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of 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).

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.

We understand that Atwood will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer, ARG 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 ARG 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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