



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

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NVS-215MR  
15V-834

**Subject:** Sewer Gas Caution Label Omitted

Dear Ms. Tobias:

This letter serves to acknowledge Highland Ridge RV'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:**

HIGHLAND RIDGE/HIGHLANDER/2015-2016  
HIGHLAND RIDGE/OPEN RANGE/2015  
OPEN RANGE/3X/2015-2016

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 16, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-834

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 180

**Problem Description:**

Highland Ridge RV (Highland) is recalling certain model year 2015 Open Range fifth wheels and 2015-2016 3X fifth wheels and Highlander travel trailers manufactured May 8, 2014, to December 4, 2015 and equipped with a side vented sewer drainage system termination valve. The affected vehicles may be missing a caution label to inform the operator not to leave the drain valve open to prevent an escape of sewer gas.

**Consequence:**

If the drain valve is left open, sewer gas may fill the recreational vehicle, increasing the risk of occupant injury.

**Remedy:**

Highland will notify owners and send them the missing label, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in January 2016. Owners may contact Highland customer service at 1-260-768-7771. Highland's number for this recall is 9904272.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Highland'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,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
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