



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

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NEF-150MR
17V-130

Subject: Front Axle Beam may Crack

Dear Mr. Legg:

This letter serves to acknowledge New Flyer Industries Ltd.'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:

NEW FLYER/C35LF/2006-2007
NEW FLYER/C40LF/2005-2007
NEW FLYER/C40LFR/2006-2007
NEW FLYER/D35LF/2006-2007
NEW FLYER/D35LFR/2007
NEW FLYER/D40LF/2005-2007
NEW FLYER/D40LFR/2006-2007
NEW FLYER/D60LF/2005-2007
NEW FLYER/D60LFR/2006-2007
NEW FLYER/DE40LF/2006-2007
NEW FLYER/DE40LFR/2006-2007
NEW FLYER/DE60LF/2006
NEW FLYER/DE60LFA/2005-2007
NEW FLYER/DE60LFR/2007
NEW FLYER/GE40LF/2005-2007
NEW FLYER/L40LF/2006

Mfr's Report Date: March 1, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-130

Components:

SUSPENSION:FRONT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,337

Problem Description:

New Flyer Industries Ltd (New Flyer) is recalling certain 2006 L40LF and DE60LF transit buses, 2006-2007 C35LF, C40LFR, D35LF, D40LFR, D60LFR, DE40LF and DE40LFR transit buses, and 2005-2007 C40LF, D40LF, D60LF, DE60LFA, GE40LF,

2007 D35LFR, and DE60LFR transit buses. These vehicles are equipped with MAN V8-65L axle beams that may have cracks on the upper and/or lower surface, which, over time can cause the axle beam to fail.

Consequence:

Failure of the front axle beam can cause a loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

New Flyer will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the axle beams and determine a repair, as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 8, 2017. Owners may contact New Flyer customer service at 1-204-224-6706. New Flyer's number for this recall is R17-002.

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 New Flyer'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).

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,



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