



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Brian Deckard
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NEF-150MR
17V-164

Subject: Improperly Mounted Headlamp/FMVSS 108

Dear Mr. Deckard:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ride The Ducks International 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:

RIDE THE DUCKS/AMPHIBIOUS VEHICLE/1999-2002

Mfr's Report Date: March 16, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-164

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:HEADLIGHTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 13

Problem Description:

Ride The Ducks International LLC (RTDI) is recalling certain 1999-2002 Stretch Amphibious passenger vehicles. The headlights may have been mounted 56" above the ground instead of being mounted between 22" and 54" above the ground as is required to prevent the headlights from blinding oncoming traffic. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment."

Consequence:

If the headlights are not installed within the required limits, it can cause a decrease in visibility, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

RTDI will notify owners, and dealers will relocate the headlights to the proper height requirements, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact RTDI customer service at 1-417-266-7600.

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 RTDI'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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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