



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

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Mr. Brian Deckard
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NEF-150MR
17V-165

Subject: Internal Display Lights Incorrect/FMVSS 101

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/1996-2014

Mfr's Report Date: March 13, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-165

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: INSTRUMENT PANEL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 105

Problem Description:

Ride The Ducks International LLC (RTDI) is recalling certain 1996-2014 Stretch Amphibious Passenger and Truck Amphibious Passenger vehicles. The instrument cluster does not illuminate the associated symbol when the vehicles' turn signals or high beam lights are in use, instead only a solid color is lit. Additionally, the indicator for the windshield wiping system is not illuminated when the vehicle's headlights are activated. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 101, "Control and Displays."

Consequence:

If the instrument panel does not illuminate correct telltale displays for the turn signals or high beam headlights, the vehicle operator may not recognize that the systems are been activated, potentially increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

RTDI will notify owners, and dealers will replace the instrument panel telltales and controls, 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.

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:

You are 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).

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
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Enforcement