



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-182

**Subject:** Seat and Seat Belt Assembly/FMVSS 207,208,209,210

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 15, 2017

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 17V-182

**Components:**

SEAT BELTS  
SEAT BELTS:FRONT:ANCHORAGE  
SEAT BELTS:FRONT:BUCKLE ASSEMBLY  
SEATS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 105

**Problem Description:**

Ride The Ducks International LLC (RTDI) is recalling certain 1996-2014 Stretch Amphibious and Truck Amphibious passenger vehicles. These vehicles are equipped with 'Captain's Chair'-style driver's seats and non-retractable lap belt seat belt assemblies. The seats, seat belt assemblies and seat belt anchorage systems may not adequately secure the driver in the event of a crash. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 207, "Seating Systems", 208, "Occupant Crash Protection", 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies", and 210, "Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages."

**Consequence:**

If the driver seat, seat belt assemblies, or seat belt anchorages fail to restrain the driver in the event of a crash, it can increase the risk of injury.

**Remedy:**

RTDI will notify owners, and dealers will replace the driver's seats and seat belt assembly, 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](http://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](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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