



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

**1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590**

June 9, 2017

Mr. Allan Reeping  
Columbia Northwest, Inc.  
1297 Kecksburg Road  
PO Box 131  
Mount Pleasant, PA 15601

NEF-150KS  
17V-330

**Subject:** LP Gas Bottle Trays Attached with Wrong Fasteners

Dear Mr. Reeping:

This letter serves to acknowledge Columbia Northwest, Inc.'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:**

COLUMBIA/ALINER ASCAPE/2017-2018

**Mfr's Report Date:** May 19, 2017

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 17V-330

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE:LPG SYSTEMS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 40

**Problem Description:**

Columbia Northwest, Inc. (Columbia Northwest) is recalling certain 2017-2018 Aliner Ascape trailers. The trailers have liquid propane (LP) gas bottle trays that come loose from the frames due to the wrong rivets being used to attach the LP tray to the frame.

**Consequence:**

The LP gas bottles may fall from the trailer during travel, increasing the risk of a crash or a fire.

**Remedy:**

Columbia Northwest will notify owners, and dealers will secure the trays with the correct hardware, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin June 21, 2017. Owners may contact Columbia Northwest customer service at 1-724-237-5227.

**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).

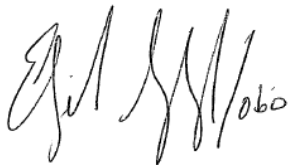
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian", with a date "1/21/16" written at the end of the signature.

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