



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

June 9, 2017

Ms. Liz Jones
VanLeigh RV
105 2nd Street NW
Red Bay, AL 35582

NEF-150MR
17V-345

Subject: Spare Tire Assembly may Detach from Trailer

Dear Ms. Jones:

This letter serves to acknowledge VanLeigh RV'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:
VANLEIGH/VILANO/2015-2018

Mfr's Report Date: May 26, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-345

Components:
TIRES:TEMPORARY/EMERGENCY SPARE TIRE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 815

Problem Description:

VanLeigh RV (VanLeigh) is recalling certain 2015-2018 Vilano fifth-wheel recreational trailers. Because the winch that supports the spare tire may not be properly fastened to the trailer, the trailer's spare tire could fall off while unit is in motion.

Consequence:

If the spare tire falls off while the unit is in motion, it may increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

VanLeigh will notify owners, and dealers will secure the spare tire winch with the correct fasteners, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact VanLeigh customer service at 1-662-612-4040. VanLeigh's number for this recall is VL-101.

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.

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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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', with a date '1/11/06' written at the end of the signature.

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