



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

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Mr. Kerry Legg
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NEF-150KS
17V-539

Subject: Seat Belt Buckle Stuck in the Locked Position

Dear Mr. Legg:

This letter serves to acknowledge New Flyer of America'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:

NEW FLYER/MD30/2015-2016
NEW FLYER/MD35/2016
NEW FLYER/XD35/2017
NEW FLYER/XD40/2016-2017
NEW FLYER/XD60/2017
NEW FLYER/XDE35/2017
NEW FLYER/XDE40/2017
NEW FLYER/XDE60/2017
NEW FLYER/XN35/2017
NEW FLYER/XN40/2016-2017

Mfr's Report Date: August 30, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-539

Components:

SEAT BELTS
SEAT BELTS:FRONT:BUCKLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 214

Problem Description:

New Flyer of America (New Flyer) is recalling certain 2015-2016 MD30, 2016 MD35, 2017 XD35, XD60, XDE35, XDE40, XDE60, XN35 and 2016-2017 XD40 and XN40 transit buses, equipped with certain Recaro Commercial Bus Driver Seats (models Ergo R, Ergo D, AM71, AM72 and AM80). The seat belt buckle may be stuck in the locked position, preventing the seat belt tongue from being able to be inserted and locked.

Consequence:

If the seat belt cannot be latched, the bus may be operated without the seat belt being used, increasing the risk of injury in the event of a crash.

Remedy:

New Flyer has notified owners and work with the supplier to replace the buckle housings, free of charge. The recall began September 15, 2017. Owners may contact New Flyer customer service at 1-204-224-6706. New Flyers' number for this recall is R17-017.

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:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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 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