

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 17V-165

**Manufacturer Name :** Ride The Ducks International LLC**Submission Date :** MAR 13, 2017**NHTSA Recall No. :** 17V-165**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Ride The Ducks International LLC

Address : 2320 W Highway 76

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Company phone : 417 266 7600

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 105

Estimated percentage with defect : NR

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle 1 : 1996-2014 RTDI Stretch Amphibious Passenger Vehicles, Truck Amphibious Passenger Vehicles

Vehicle Type :

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Amphibious Passenger Vehicles

Production Dates : JAN 01, 1996 - DEC 31, 2014

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

 Not sequential**Description of Noncompliance :**

Description of the Noncompliance : The subject vehicles do not meet certain portions of the illumination and identification requirements of FMVSS 101. When the vehicles' turn signals or high beam lights are in use, the telltales display a solid color diode rather than the associated symbol (i.e. arrows pointing left or right and high beam symbol). Also, the indicator for the windshield wiping system does not illuminate when the vehicle headlights are activated

FMVSS 1 : 101 - Control and displays

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the turn signals and high beams are in use but are not displayed with the corresponding symbols on the vehicle instrument panel, or if the indicator for the windshield wiping system is not illuminated when the vehicle's headlights are activated, the vehicle operator may not recognize that the systems have been activated, potentially increasing the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause : The vehicles were manufactured with instrument panels that do not include the corresponding symbols for the telltales for turn signals or high beams and do not meet the illumination requirements for the headlight indicator.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

Name : NR  
Address : NR  
Country : NR

## Chronology :

In 1996, RTDI began to produce Amphibious Passenger Vehicles (APVs). The APVs are based on military vehicles that have been refurbished by RTDI in accordance with state and U.S. Coast Guard rules and regulations. RTDI manufactured "Stretch" APVs until 2005 at which time RTDI introduced its "Truck" APVs. RTDI manufactured the "Truck" APVs until 2014.

As part of a NHTSA investigation initiated in April 2016, RTDI learned that the APVs are also subject to certain Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS). Pursuant to a November 15, 2016 Consent Agreement entered into between RTDI and NHTSA, RTDI hired an engineering consultant with NHTSA's approval and examined the APVs' compliance with the FMVSS. On March 6, 2017, RTDI submitted a compliance plan to NHTSA which identifies the FMVSS which require attention. Consistent with the information set forth in the compliance plan, RTDI has determined that a noncompliance exists with regard to FMVSS 101.

Of the affected vehicles, three have been partially-dismantled and are non-operable. In addition, ten "Stretch Amphibious Passenger Vehicles" owned by Ride the Ducks Seattle, are currently out of service. There is one additional vehicle that has been fully-dismantled and is non-operable. That unit is not included in the recall population.

Consistent with the compliance plan, RTDI intends to remedy the remaining APVs.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The affected telltales and controls on the instrument panel will be replaced so that they display the appropriate symbols and meet the illumination requirements in accordance with FMVSS 101. As described in RTDI's Compliance Plan, the remedy must be approved by the U.S. Coast Guard before any changes to the vehicle may be made. Although the requirements under FMVSS 101 related to telltales and indicators are not applicable to vehicles with a GVWR over 10,000 pounds manufactured before September 1, 2013, RTDI will remedy all vehicles in

the population.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :

The turn signal and high beam telltales will be modified to include the corresponding symbols (i.e. left and right pointing arrows and high beam symbol) and the indicator for the windshield wiping system will illuminate when the vehicle headlights are activated.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :

RTDI is not currently producing APVs. If any vehicles are manufactured in the future, new production vehicles will have instrument panels installed that meet the requirements of FMVSS 101.

### Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

\* NR - Not Reported