

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

17V-182

Manufacturer Name : Ride The Ducks International LLC**Submission Date :** MAR 15, 2017**NHTSA Recall No. :** 17V-182**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 : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 1996-2014 RTDI Stretch Amphibious Passenger Vehicles and 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 driver's seats in the affected vehicles may not conform to the requirements of FMVSS 207 (Seating Systems) and the installation and performance requirements for seat belt assemblies and anchorages of FMVSS 208 (Occupant Protection Systems), FMVSS 209 (Seat Belt Assemblies) and FMVSS 210 (Seat Belt Assembly Anchorages).

FMVSS 1 : 207 - Seating systems

FMVSS 2 : 208 - Occupant crash protection

Description of the Safety Risk : Driver's seats, seatbelt assemblies and/or seatbelt anchorages that do not conform to the requirements of the standards, may not perform as intended in the event of a crash and may increase the risk of injury to the driver.

Description of the Cause : The vehicles were manufactured with mariner style "Captain's chairs" installed in the driver's designated seating position. The seat uses a non-retractable lap style belt. RTDI does not have test data or other information to support the certification of the driver's seat, seatbelt assemblies or the anchorages to the requirements of the subject federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

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 207, 208, 209 and 210.

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 affected vehicles.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : RTDI will replace the current drivers seats in the vehicles with one that has been certified to meet the performance requirements of FMVSS 207. RTDI will also install a Type 2 seat belt assembly that has been certified to meet the requirements of FMVSS 208, 209 and 210. As described in its Compliance Plan, RTDI is required to obtain U.S. Coast Guard approval before implementing any changes to the vehicles.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The vehicles will have drivers seats that are certified to the requirements of FMVSS 207 and Type 2 seat belt assemblies and anchorages that meet the requirements of FMVSS 208, 209 and 210.

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 driver's seats, seat belt assemblies and seat belt anchorages installed that meet the requirements

[REDACTED] of FMVSS 207, 208, 209 and 210.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

* NR - Not Reported