



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

February 22, 2018

Mr. Rase La Chapelle  
Fuel Helmets  
1819 Saint George Street  
Green Bay, WI 54302

NEF-150SM  
18E-005

**Subject:** Helmet Strap Failure in Low or High Temp/FMVSS 218

Dear Mr. La Chapelle:

This letter serves to acknowledge Fuel Helmets'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:**

FUEL HELMETS/SH-HHGL1/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** January 24, 2018

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 18E-005

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:MOTORCYCLE:HELMETS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 0

**Problem Description:**

Fuel Helmets (Fuel) is recalling certain SH-HHGL1 helmets, size small. The strap that secures the helmet to the rider's head may fail in low or high temperatures. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 218, "Motorcycle Helmets."

**Consequence:**

If the helmet strap fails to keep the helmet secured in the event of a crash, the rider has an increased risk of injury.

**Remedy:**

The remedy for this recall is still under development. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Fuel customer service at 1-855-355-3835.

**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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please provide an explanation as to why only the size small helmets are affected by this issue.

Please provide the number of helmets affected by this recall, and what Fuel's remedy plan is for these helmets.

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 required in Part 573.6(c)(7), in the case of a noncompliance, please provide the test results and other information used to determine the existence of the noncompliance. Include the date of each test and observation that indicated that a noncompliance might or did exist. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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