



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Allan Reeping
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NEF-150MR
18V-189

Subject: Missing GAWR Information/FMVSS 110, Part 567

Dear Mr. Reeping:

This letter serves to acknowledge Columbia Northwest, Inc.'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:

SOMERSET/E3/2013-2018

Mfr's Report Date: March 22, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-189

Components:

EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 185

Problem Description:

Columbia Northwest, Inc. (Columbia Northwest) is recalling certain 2013-2018 Somerset E3 recreational trailers. The Certification Labels on these vehicles may be missing the Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) information. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 110, "Tire Selections and Rims," and the vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 567, "Certification."

Consequence:

If the GAWR information is missing, the users may unknowingly overload the trailer, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Columbia Northwest will notify owners and send them a corrected certification label, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin May 1, 2018. Owners may contact Columbia Northwest customer service at 1-724-237-5227.

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.

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 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).

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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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