



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Kerry Legg  
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New Flyer of America Inc.  
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NEF-150MR  
18V-615

**Subject:** Loss of Drive from Broken Transmission Switch

Dear Mr. Legg:

This letter serves to acknowledge New Flyer of America 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:**

NEW FLYER/XDE35/2017  
NEW FLYER/XDE40/2016-2018  
NEW FLYER/XDE60/2016-2018

**Mfr's Report Date:** September 12, 2018

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 18V-615

**Components:**

POWER TRAIN:AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 386

**Problem Description:**

New Flyer of America Inc. (New Flyer) is recalling certain 2016-2018 New Flyer XDE60, XDE40, and 2017 XDE35 transit buses, equipped with certain Allison transmission hybrid drive units. The pressure switches on these drive units may fail, possibly resulting in a loss of drive.

**Consequence:**

A loss of drive can disable the vehicle unexpectedly, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

New Flyer will notify owners, and Allison Transmission service centers will replace the C1 and C2 pressure switches, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in October 2018. Owners may contact New Flyer customer service at 1-204-224-6706. New Flyer's number for this recall is R18-014.

**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).

We have received New Flyer's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

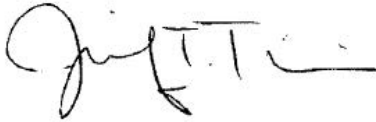
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

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 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,



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