

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

18V-339

Manufacturer Name : Columbia Northwest, Inc.

Submission Date : JUN 27, 2018

NHTSA Recall No. : 18V-339

Manufacturer Recall No. : NR



Manufacturer Information :

Population :

Manufacturer Name : Columbia Northwest, Inc.

Number of potentially involved : 50

Address : 1297 Kecksburg Road

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

PO Box 131 Mount Pleasant PA 15666

Company phone : 724-237-5227

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2016-2017 Somerset Chesapeake and Newport

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : We determined the population by identifying all trailers manufactured on a specific frame that incorporated a weld on the front A-frame bars. No other products built by Columbia Northwest ever used this type of frame construction.

Production Dates : FEB 25, 2016 - JUN 21, 2016

VIN Range 1 : Begin : 1C9SS1510HA237002 **End :** 1C9SS1317HA237065 **Not sequential**

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The trailers have a welded angle on the front A-frame. This welded joint has the potential to fail while in tow. If the weld joints break, the possibility exists that the front of the trailer could drop causing the trailer to sway or make contact with the road.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : There is a chance that if the weld joints break while being towed the destabilization of the trailer could cause the tow vehicle to lose control. If the tow vehicle continues to pull the defective trailer for an extended period, it could separate entirely from the tow vehicle.

Description of the Cause : The cause of this defect is a result of a bad weld on the front of the frame and not enough support at a critical stress point.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : The welds at the bend on the front of the trailer frame can be inspected for cracks or fissures.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : EHC Industries
Address : 319 Westec Dr.
Mt. Pleasant PENNSYLVANIA 15666
Country : United States

Chronology :

April 25, 2018 - Columbia Northwest, Inc. (CNW) received an email from a dealer reporting that the weld joints on a Somerset Chesapeake camper were starting to show signs of cracking.

April 27, 2018 - CNW authorized dealer to weld supporting brackets to the frame for additional support. Dealer previously made frame modifications to this unit that CNW thought may have created the stress cracks on the frame welds.

May 17, 2018 - CNW received a call from a customer reporting that they noticed weld joints cracking on the frame of their Somerset Newport camping trailer. CNW verified that this new claim was the same issue as the previous claim that came in on April 25, 2018. At that time CNW decided that this could potentially be a safety hazard and all frames made with the front-welded tongue must be inspected.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : We are sending steel supports to the dealers that have purchased units included in the recall. These steel supports are to be welded to the joints identified on the front of the frame by a certified welder. The repair kit includes detailed instructions with pictures of the proper repair procedures.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The remedied component will have additional steel supports welded onto the frame that will provide the needed bracing that will eliminate the frame weld failure.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : EHC Industries changed their frame construction in June 2016. This change eliminated the welded joint and replaced them with a bent tube frame.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : All owner notification letters were sent by certified mail on June 19, 2018. There were also follow-up phone calls made to owners starting on June 25, 2018. We are sending dealer notification letters by certified mail on June 27, 2018.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : JUN 27, 2018 - JUN 28, 2018

Planned Owner Notification Date : JUN 19, 2018 - JUN 19, 2018

* NR - Not Reported