

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

August 22, 2019

Ms. Liz Jones VanLeigh RV 105 2nd Street NW Red Bay, AL 35582 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-150MR 19V-588

**Subject:** Suspension Shackle Failure

Dear Ms. Jones:

This letter serves to acknowledge VanLeigh RV'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:

VANLEIGH/BEACON/2015-2019 VANLEIGH/VILANO/2015-2019

Mfr's Report Date: August 12, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-588

### **Components:**

SUSPENSION: REAR: SPRINGS: LEAF SPRING ASSEMBLY: SHACKLE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1.808

## **Problem Description:**

Vanleigh RV (Vanleigh) is recalling certain 2015-2019 Vilano and Beacon fifth wheel recreational trailers. The suspension shackles may be too short, causing them to fail.

### **Consequence:**

Failure of the suspension shackle may cause a loss of control, increasing the risk of a crash.

### Remedy:

Vanleigh will notify owners, and dealers will replace the existing shackles with longer ones, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in August 2019. Owners may contact Vanleigh customer service at 1-662-612-4040.

#### **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.



We have received Vanleigh's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

NHTSA is missing critical, required information for this safety recall. This information must be supplied through the NHTSA Recalls Portal within 5 working days of confirming its accuracy:

- A statement that the defect or noncompliance can cause a vehicle crash without prior warning; (49 CFR 577.5 (f)(1)).

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Joshua Neff

Chief, Recall Management Division

Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

