

U.S. Department of Transportation

**National Highway Traffic Safety** Administration

August 27, 2021

NEF-107MR 21V-645

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Mr. Michael Lanciotti CEO & President Kibbi, LLC 52216 SR 15 Bristol, IN 46507

**Subject:** Storage Compartment Box May Catch On Fire

Dear Mr. Lanciotti:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kibbi, LLC'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:

RENEGADE/VIENNA/2019-2021 RENEGADE/VILLAGIO/2019-2021

Mfr's Report Date: August 17, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-645

# **Components:**

**STRUCTURE** 

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 304

#### **Problem Description:**

Kibbi, LLC (Kibbi) is recalling certain 2019-2021 Vienna and Villagio recreational vehicles. Exhaust temperatures may cause the storage box to melt or catch on fire.

### **Consequence:**

The storage box may melt or catch on fire, increasing the risk of injury.

# Remedy:

Dealers will add a heat shield under the storage compartment box, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed on October 6, 2021. Owners may contact Kibbi's customer service at 1-574-966-0196.

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.nhtsa.gov.



## Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Per the requirements of 49 USC 30119, please provide the part number, name and description of the component or components involved in this recall. This information should be provided in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Your company's program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of your company's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with § 573.13. Your company's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by § 573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in your company's report to NHTSA. If your company submits one or more general reimbursement plans, your company shall update each plan every two years (§ 573.13). If the vehicles are new and would be covered under the manufacturer's warranty program, please state that in the remedy section of your filing.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

An identification and description of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(5)). All filings should state an increased risk of either a crash, injury or fire.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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.

Kibbi, LLC's contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement

