

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

February 27, 2023

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

NEF-107KL 23V-104

**Subject:** Incorrect Size and Installation of Sumo Springs

Dear Ms. Jones:

This letter serves to acknowledge Tiffin Motorhomes, 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:

TIFFIN/CAHABA/2021-2022

Mfr's Report Date: February 20, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V-104

## **Components:**

EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE/TRAILER SUSPENSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 243

### **Problem Description:**

Tiffin Motorhomes, Inc. (Tiffin) is recalling certain 2021-2022 Cahaba recreational vehicles. The rear Sumo Springs may be the wrong size and the front Sumo Springs may have been installed in an incorrect location.

### **Consequence:**

The incorrectly-sized rear springs may buckle from over-compression. Incorrectly installed front springs may potentially cause damage to the front axle. Either of these scenarios can increase the risk of a crash.

# Remedy:

Dealers will inspect and replace the rear Sumo Springs and relocate the front springs, as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed April 21, 2023. Owners may contact Tiffin customer service at 1-256-356-8661. Tiffin's number for this recall is TIF-128.

#### **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.nhtsa.gov.

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).

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 eight 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.

Tiffin Motorhomes, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement

