



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

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NEF-150MR
17V-698

Subject: Incorrect Tire and Rim Selection/FMVSS 119, 120

Dear Mr. Daniel:

This letter serves to acknowledge Phoenix Motorcars'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:

PHOENIX/ZEUS 300/2015
PHOENIX/ZEUS 305/2015-2017

Mfr's Report Date: November 3, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-698

Components:

TIRES
WHEELS:RIM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 41

Problem Description:

Phoenix Motorcars (Phoenix) is recalling certain 2015 Zeus 300, and 2015-2017 Zeus 305 shuttle vans built on a Ford E-350 chassis. When the vehicle is fully loaded, it may exceed the Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) and the Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR). As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 119, "New Pneumatic Tires-Other Than Passenger Cars," and number 120, "Wheels and Rims-Other Than Passenger Cars."

Consequence:

If the vehicle is loaded to its maximum passenger capacity, the rear tires may fail, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Phoenix will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and replace all of the vehicle wheels and tires with ones of a higher load rating, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 3, 2018. Owners may contact Phoenix customer service at 1-909-987-0815.

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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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.

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
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Enforcement