



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. David Partin
Consumer Affairs
Bison Coach, LLC
1001 All Pro Drive
Elkhart, IN 46514

NEF-150MR
17V-754

Subject: Fire Extinguisher May Be Clogged or Inoperable

Dear Mr. Partin:

This letter serves to acknowledge Bison Coach, 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:

BISON/ALUMA SPORT/2010
BISON/STRATUS/2010
BISON/TRAIL EXPRESS/2010
BISON/TRAIL HAND/2010

Mfr's Report Date: November 22, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-754

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 200

Problem Description:

Bison Coach, LLC (Bison) is recalling certain 2010 Stratus, Aluma Sport, Trail Express, and Trail Hand recreational trailers, equipped with certain Kidde Plastic-Handle or Push Button 'Pindicator' Fire Extinguishers. These extinguishers may become clogged, preventing the extinguisher from discharging as expected or excessive force may be needed to activate the extinguisher. Additionally, in certain models, the nozzle may detach from the valve assembly with enough force that it could cause injury and also render the product inoperable. For a full list of the affected fire extinguisher models visit: <https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/rc1/2017/RMISC-17E062-5427.pdf>

Consequence:

In the event of a fire, if the fire extinguisher does not function properly, it can increase the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Bison will notify owners, instructing them to contact Kidde for a replacement fire extinguisher, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 22, 2018. Owners may contact Bison customer service at 1-574-658-4161, or Kidde customer service toll free at 1-855-271-0773, or online at www.kidde.com and click on "Product Safety Recall" for more information.

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.

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).

We understand that you intend for Kidde to supply the required six quarterly recall completion rate reports.

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
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement