



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

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Mr. Kerry Legg
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New Flyer of America Inc.
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NEF-150MR
18V-020

Subject: Improperly Torqued Hose Connections/FMVSS 121

Dear Mr. Legg:

This letter serves to acknowledge New Flyer of America 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:

NEW FLYER/XD40/2017
NEW FLYER/XDE40/2017
NEW FLYER/XDE60/2016-2017
NEW FLYER/XN40/2017
NEW FLYER/XT60/2017

Mfr's Report Date: January 9, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-020

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:ANTILOCK

Potential Number of Units Affected: 283

Problem Description:

New Flyer of America Inc. (New Flyer) is recalling certain 2017 XD40, XDE40, XN40, XT60, and 2016-2017 XDE60 transit buses. The air brake hose connections for the front axle ABS modulator valves may not be properly tightened, possibly resulting in the air brake hose disconnecting. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 121, "Air Brake Systems."

Consequence:

If the brake hose disconnects from the ABS modulator valve, there will be no brake force applied to either of the front axle brake assemblies, lengthening the needed braking distance and increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

New Flyer will notify owners, and will reconnect the air hose using the proper tightness, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in January 2018. Owners may contact New Flyer customer service at 1-204-224-6706. New Flyer's number for this recall is R18-001.

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:

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
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement