



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

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NEF-150MR  
18V-074

**Subject:** Incorrect GAWR on Federal Label/FMVSS 110

Dear Ms. Tobias:

This letter serves to acknowledge Highland Ridge RV'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:**

HIGHLAND RIDGE/OPEN RANGE/2018

**Mfr's Report Date:** January 29, 2018

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 18V-074

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 84

**Problem Description:**

Highland Ridge RV (Highland Ridge) is recalling certain 2018 Open Range light travel trailers, model 312BHS. The Federal Label on these vehicles incorrectly lists the Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) as 5100lbs when the correct GAWR is 4400lbs. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 110, "Tire Selection and Rims."

**Consequence:**

The incorrect GAWR information may result in the trailer being overloaded which can cause the tires to wear prematurely, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Highland Ridge will notify owners, and dealers will replace the incorrect Federal Label with a corrected label, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin February 28, 2018. Owners may contact Highland Ridge customer service at 1-260-768-7771. Highland's number for this recall is 9904374.

**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](http://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.

We have received Highland Ridge's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.

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](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian".

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement