



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

June 11, 2018

Mr. Allan Reeping
Columbia Northwest, Inc.
1297 Kecksburg Road
PO Box 131
Mount Pleasant, PA 15601

NEF-150MR
18V-339

Subject: Weld Joint Failure on Front A-Frame

Dear Mr. Reeping:

This letter serves to acknowledge Columbia Northwest, 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:

SOMERSET/CHESAPEAKE/2016-2017
SOMERSET/NEWPORT/2016-2017

Mfr's Report Date: May 22, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-339

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 50

Problem Description:

Columbia Northwest, Inc. (Columbia Northwest) is recalling certain 2016-2017 Somerset Chesapeake and Somerset Newport recreational trailers. A weld on the front A-frame bars may fail, possibly allowing the front of the trailer to drop while being towed.

Consequence:

If the front of the trailer drops while being towed, it may contact the road, causing a loss of control and increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

The remedy for this recall is still under development. The recall is expected to begin June 18, 2018. Owners may contact Columbia Northwest customer service at 1-724-237-5227.

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).

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 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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