



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Mike Woods
Hickory Springs Manufacturing Company
4925 State Line Road
Fort Smith, AR 72916

NEF-150MR
19E-010

Subject: Barrier may not Properly Restrain Occupant

Dear Mr. Woods:

This letter serves to acknowledge Hickory Springs Manufacturing Company'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:

HSM SOLUTIONS/RESTRAINING BARRIERS/9999

Mfr's Report Date: February 8, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19E-010

Components:

SEATS:BARRIERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 6,786

Problem Description:

Hickory Springs Manufacturing Company (HSM) is recalling certain FB11-39 DRW restraining barriers. In a hard braking situation or vehicle crash event, the barrier may not properly restrain an unbelted seat occupant. As a result, these barriers fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 222, "School Bus Passenger Seating and Crash Protection."

Consequence:

Failure to properly restrain an unbelted seat occupant can increase the risk of injury.

Remedy:

HSM is working with Collins Bus, the purchaser of the affected barriers to notify owners, and Collins Bus dealers will install an extra part on the restraining barrier to reinforce the barrier frame, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in March 2019. Owners may contact HSM customer service at 1-419-492-2157 extension 243.

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Kareem Habib
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement