



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

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Mr. Brian Jarzen
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NEF-150MR
20V-224

Subject: Chassis and Upfit Rubber Adhesive May Fail

Dear Mr. Jarzen:

This letter serves to acknowledge LDJ Manufacturing, 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:

THUNDER CREEK/MULTI-TANK UPFIT/2018-2019

Mfr's Report Date: April 20, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-224

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 17

Problem Description:

LDJ Manufacturing, Inc. (LDJ) is recalling certain 2018-2019 Thunder Creek Multi-Tank Upfit vehicles. The adhesive that secures the rubber filler in the place between the chassis and the upfit could fail, potentially causing the rubber to come out of place and cause movement of the upfit and load.

Consequence:

The movement of the chassis and load could cause bolts securing the tank to the chassis to shear, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

LDJ will notify owners, and dealers will install aluminum brackets around the rubber filler between the chassis and the upfit to secure the rubber filler in place. Additionally, dealers will install nuts with locking washers on the upfitted load in order to further secure the load to the upfit. All services will be performed free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact LDJ customer service at 1-641-620-9412.

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.

NHTSA is missing critical, required information for this safety recall. This information must be supplied through the NHTSA Recalls Portal within 5 working days of confirming its accuracy:

- A statement that the defect or noncompliance can cause a vehicle crash without prior warning; or a description of whatever prior warning may occur, and a statement that if this warning is not heeded, a vehicle crash can occur (49 CFR 577.5 (f)(1)).

- Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify owners regarding this safety recall. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefore, and furnish a revised estimate (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Joshua Neff
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement