



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

October 21, 2013

Ms. Catherine Smith
Office Manager
Cowtown Sleepers & Pick-up Tops
6200 South Freeway
Fort Worth, TX 76134

NVS-215KS
13V-432

Subject: Interior Side Door Lock May Become Inoperable

Dear Ms. Smith:

This letter serves to acknowledge Cowtown Sleepers & Pick-up Tops'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:

COWTOWN SLEEPERS/TRUCK SLEEPERS/2008-2013

Mfr's Report Date: September 12, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-432

Components:

LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 106

Problem Description:

Cowtown Sleepers & Pick-up Tops & Accessories Inc. (Cowtown Sleepers) is recalling certain model year 2008-2013 truck sleepers manufactured April 15, 2008, through April 25, 2013 and equipped with Fastec-brand door locks. It may be possible to remove the key from the lock in a way that potentially jams the deadbolt.

Consequence:

If the deadbolt jams, the interior side of the door lock may also jam. A person inside the travel trailer at the time will then be locked in and be unable to exit the vehicle without using the emergency exit, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Cowtown Sleepers will notify owners, and Fastec will coordinate the inspection and replacement of the cylinders, as needed, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Cowtown Sleepers at 1-817-293-9100 or Fastec at 1-800-837-2505.

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.

We have received Cowtown Sleepers' proposed owner notification letter, however, parts of it were illegible. Please submit another copy via email to RMD.ODI@DOT.GOV and we will review it. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. It is expected that all owners will be sent a letter, on the manufacturer's letterhead, informing them of the safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

Cowtown Sleepers must submit a sample of the envelope in which you intend to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY," "RECALL," and "NOTICE," in any order, must be printed on the envelope in all capital letters, in a type larger than that used in the address section, and in a manner distinguishable from the other type in a manner other than size (for example, in a different font or color).

We have been informed that Fastec will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer Cowtown Sleepers is ultimately responsible for conducting an adequate safety recall campaign of its vehicles. Accordingly if this safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require Cowtown Sleepers to conduct a follow-up notification and conduct additional quarterly reporting.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements take effect as early as October 2013. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@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