



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Kerry Legg  
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NVS-215KS  
13V-459

**Subject:** Parts may Fall from Bicycle Rack

Dear Mr. Legg:

This letter serves to acknowledge New Flyer Industries Ltd.'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:**

NEW FLYER/XN40/2012

**Mfr's Report Date:** September 19, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V-459

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 12

**Problem Description:**

New Flyer Industries is recalling certain model year 2012 XN40 transit buses manufactured October 30, 2012, through November 27, 2012, and equipped with certain Sportworks Northwest Apex 3 bicycle racks. In the affected racks, cracks may develop where the latch tube is welded to the pivot tabs connected to the frame. Over time, the cracks may lead to separation of the latch tube and latch handle.

**Consequence:**

If the latch handle and tube fall from the rack it would create a potential road hazard for other vehicles, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

New Flyer will notify owners and Sportworks Northwest will replace the frames under warranty, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact New Flyer at 1-800-665-2637 or Sportworks at 1-888-861-0555 ext. 2. New Flyer's campaign number is R13-022.

**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).

We have received New Flyer's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

We have been informed that Sportworks Northwest will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer New Flyer 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 New Flyer 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 are already in effect. 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](mailto:kelly.schuler@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". 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