



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

September 11, 2014

Mr. Jerry McCarthy  
VP Service Operations  
Grand Design RV, LLC  
11333 County Road 2  
Middlebury, IN 46540

NVS-215KS  
14V-476

**Subject:** Frame Spring Hanger Failure

Dear Mr. McCarthy:

This letter serves to acknowledge Grand Design RV, LLC'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:**

GRAND DESIGN/MOMENTUM 355TH/2014  
GRAND DESIGN/MOMENTUM 380TH/2014  
GRAND DESIGN/MOMENTUM 385TH/2014

**Mfr's Report Date:** August 4, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-476

**Components:**

SUSPENSION

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 356

**Problem Description:**

Grand Design RV, LLC (Grand Design) is recalling certain model year 2014 Momentum 355th, 380th, and 385th fifth wheel trailers manufactured June 24, 2013, to March 21, 2014 and built with 8,000lb capacity axles. The affected trailers may have been built with suspension bolts that can shear. These bolts connect the axle springs to the frame, and after they shear, the axle spring may detach from the frame hanger or "shackle".

**Consequence:**

A spring that detaches from the hanger may result in a loss of control of the trailer, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Grand Design will notify owners, and dealers will replace the suspension bolts with ones that have a shorter thread depth, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in September 2014. Owners may contact Grand Design customer service at 1-574-825-9679. Grand Design's number for this recall is 910002.

**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 Grand Design's proposed owner notification letter and have provided you with our edits.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 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 a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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