



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. James Triana
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Foretravel, Inc.
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NVS-215MR
15V-551

Subject: Ball Joints may Detach from Front Suspension

Dear Mr. Triana:

This letter serves to acknowledge Foretravel, 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:

FORETRAVEL/IH45/2012-2014
FORETRAVEL/NIMBUS/2012-2014
FORETRAVEL/PHENIX/2012-2014

Mfr's Report Date: August 31, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-551

Components:

SUSPENSION:FRONT:CONTROL ARM:LOWER BALL JOINT
SUSPENSION:FRONT:CONTROL ARM:UPPER BALL JOINT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 37

Problem Description:

Foretravel, Inc. (Foretravel) is recalling certain model year 2012-2014 Nimbus, Phenix, and IH45 motorhomes manufactured May 16, 2011, to February 24, 2014. The affected vehicles are built with independent front suspensions that may have loose ball joints.

Consequence:

A loose ball joint may separate from the steering linkage resulting in a loss of steering control and an increased risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Foretravel will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the motorhomes and tighten the ball joints, as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on October 19, 2015. Owners may contact Foretravel customer service at 1-800-955-6226, option 3.

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 Foretravel'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 amend your Defect Information report to include a simplified explanation of Foretravel's remedy plan, such as what was provided in the owner notification letter.

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 required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

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 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