



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

November 24, 2015

Mr. William Diel  
M.B. Sturgis Inc.  
555 Fee Fee Rd.  
Maryland Heights, MO 63043

NVS-215MR  
15E-091

**Subject:** Propane may Leak from Cracked Regulator Window

Dear Mr. Diel:

This letter serves to acknowledge M.B. Sturgis 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:**

M.B. STURGIS/AUTO CHANGEOVER REGULATOR/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** November 13, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15E-091

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE:LPG LINES AND FITTINGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 3,504

**Problem Description:**

M.B. Sturgis Inc. (M.B. Sturgis) is recalling certain Auto Changeover Regulators for propane gas cylinders manufactured May 1, 2015, to June 25, 2015. In the affected regulators, propane gas may leak into the plastic gas level indicator window causing it to degrade and crack.

**Consequence:**

If the indicator window cracks, propane gas may leak out, increasing the risk of a fire.

**Remedy:**

M.B. Sturgis has notified the recreational vehicle manufacturers that purchased the regulators and the RV manufacturers will conduct recalls to remove the regulators free of charge. The recall began on November 13, 2015. Owners may contact M.B. Sturgis customer service at 1-888-291-6665.

**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).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

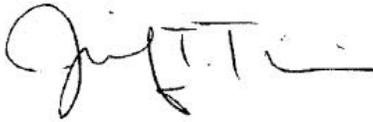
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

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](mailto:michelle.rice@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