



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Betsy Hershberger
Warranty/Service Manager
ARBOC Specialty Vehicles, LLC
51165 Greenfield Parkway
Middlebury, IN 46514

NEF-150MR
16V-769

Subject: Engine can be Started while being Serviced

Dear Ms. Hershberger:

This letter serves to acknowledge ARBOC Specialty Vehicles, 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:

ARBOC/SPIRIT OF LIBERTY/2016

Mfr's Report Date: October 20, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-769

Components:

ENGINE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 18

Problem Description:

ARBOC Specialty Vehicles, LLC (ARBOC) is recalling certain model year 2016 Spirit of Liberty vehicles manufactured November 7, 2014, to July 29, 2016. In the affected vehicles, the rear engine-run lockout safety switch may have been improperly wired, and as a result, it may be possible to start the engine while the vehicle is being worked on by a mechanic.

Consequence:

If the engine can be started while a mechanic is working on the vehicle, they have an increased risk of injury and or death.

Remedy:

ARBOC will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the rear engine-run lockout safety switch wiring, correcting it as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin November 2016. Owners may contact ARBOC customer service at 1-866-953-5555.

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 ARBOC'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:

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).

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 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