DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
[Docket No. NHTSA–2016–0074]
Denial of Motor Vehicle Defect Petition

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Denial of petition for a defect investigation.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the reasons for the denial of a petition submitted to NHTSA under 49 U.S.C. 30162, requesting that the agency commence a proceeding to determine the existence of a defect related to motor vehicle safety in 2015 and 2016 Shasta Airflyte recreational vehicles. After a review of the petition and other information, NHTSA has concluded that all but one of the issues identified in the petition have been addressed through one of three other remedial actions. The one issue not addressed by another action was found not to represent an unreasonable risk to motor vehicle safety. The agency accordingly has denied the petition. The petition is hereinafter identified as DP15–008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Nate Seymour, Medium & Heavy Duty Vehicle Division, Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), NHTSA, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366–2609.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By letter dated September 1, 2015, Mrs. Amy Green wrote to NHTSA requesting that the agency investigate eleven (11) issues identified in her letter. NHTSA has reviewed the material provided by the petitioners and other pertinent data the agency gathered. The results of this review and NHTSA’s analysis of the petition’s merit is set forth in the DP15–008 Evaluation Report, appearing in the public docket referenced in the heading of this notice.

Forest River has recalled four (4) of the eleven (11) issues. One issue was addressed with a Technical Service Bulletin (TSB), five (5) were addressed in a consent order issued July 8, 2015 and it is unlikely that an order concerning notification and remedy of a safety-related defect would be issued as a result of granting Mrs. Amy Green’s request for the one remaining issue. Therefore, an investigation into the issues raised by the petition does not appear to be warranted and the petition is denied.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 30162(d); delegations of authority at CFR 1.95 and 501.8.

Gregory K. Rea,
Associate Administrator for Enforcement.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
[Docket No. NHTSA–2015–0116]
Agency Information Collection Request

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of submission of information collection request to Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below is being forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comments.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before August 4, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention: NHTSA Desk Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Kang, Ph.D., Contracting Officer’s Technical Representative Task Order Manager, Human Factors/Engineering Integration Division, Office of Vehicle Crash Avoidance and Electronic Controls Research (NSR–310), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE., Washington, DC 20590. Dr. Kang’s phone number is 202–366–5677. Her email address is julie.kang@dot.gov.
Number of Respondents: VTTI will contact approximately 100 individuals by phone and use an eligibility questionnaire to determine their eligibility for the study. It is estimated that 60 of these individuals will qualify to be enrolled into the study. The 60 individuals who will be contacted are persons who have volunteered to take part in driving studies in the past. Businesses are ineligible for the sample and will not be contacted. These 60 individuals will complete an informed consent document and a demographic questionnaire.

Number of Responses: Completion of the eligibility questions is estimated to take approximately 10 minutes per individual (100 individuals). Information Sheet is expected to take 10 minutes per individual (60 individuals). Demographic questions are expected to take 3 minutes per individual (60 individuals). Informed consent is expected to take 5 minutes per individual (60 individuals).

Total Annual Burden Hours: 45 hours for all responses from all individuals.

Frequency of Collection: This is a one-time collection to obtain the target number of 48 valid test participants.


Nathaniel Beuse,
Associate Administrator, Office of Vehicle Safety Research.

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