



National Transportation Safety Board

Washington, DC 20594

Safety Recommendation

Date: August 4, 2014

In reply refer to: H-14-25

Mr. Stephen Fletcher
Chief Executive Officer
Rand McNally
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As a result of this investigation, the NTSB issued 18 new recommendations, including 4 to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); 1 to the FHWA, the Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association (SC&RA), and the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA); 1 to the 50 states, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; 4 to the Washington State Department of Transportation; 2 to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO); 3 to the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators; 1 to AASHTO and the CVSA; 1 to the CVSA and the SC&RA; and the following 1 recommendation to Rand McNally:

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This safety recommendation is derived from the NTSB's investigation and is consistent with the evidence we found and the analysis we performed. Acting Chairman HART and Members SUMWALT, ROSEKIND, and WEENER concurred in this recommendation.

The NTSB is vitally interested in this recommendation because it is designed to prevent accidents and save lives. We would appreciate receiving a response from you within 90 days detailing the actions you have taken or intend to take to implement it. When replying, please refer to the safety recommendation by number. We encourage you to submit your response electronically to correspondence@ntsb.gov. If it exceeds 10 megabytes, including attachments, please e-mail us at the same address for instructions. Please do not submit both an electronic copy and a hard copy of the same response.

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