



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 15-018
Date Opened: 05/01/2015
Investigator: Ric Willard
Approver: Otto Matheke
Subject: Emergency Exit Obstruction
Reviewer: Bruce York-B

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Keystone RV Company
Products: MY2013 & 2014 Montana Trailers
Population: 100 (Estimated)
Problem Description: One of the trailer's three emergency exits is partially obstructed, which may impact occupant egress.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	2	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	0	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Injuries:	0	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation (PE) has been opened.

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has received two complaints of partially obstructed emergency exit windows on model year 2013 and 2014 Montana trailers manufactured by Keystone RV. Both complaints allege the roof ladder may impede full opening of the rear emergency exit window.

ODI notes that these trailers are equipped with three (3) emergency exits, including the window adjacent to the rear window in question. ODI further notes that non-compliance with FMVSS does not apply to this case, as no emergency exits are required for this vehicle. However, the window is clearly marked as an emergency exit, yet may not function as one. Unnecessary obstructions to occupant egress may pose an undue risk to safety.

A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened to determine the scope and consequence of this issue.

The ODI reports cited above can be reviewed online at <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/owners/SearchNHTSAID> under the following identification numbers: 10583668 and 10692688.