



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

400 Seventh Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20590

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GARETT CAROLUS  
KEYSTONE RV COMPANY  
17400 HACKBERRY DRIVE  
GOSHEN IN 46526

NVS-215  
05V-309

Subject: ALUMINUM WHEELS

Dear MR. CAROLUS:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**  
KEYSTONE/EVEREST/2004-2005  
KEYSTONE/MONTANA/2004

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-309

**Recall Date:** June 20, 2005

**Components:**  
WHEELS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2,668

**Summary:**  
ON CERTAIN FIFTH WHEEL TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH THE 16" 6-BOLT ALUMINUM WHEEL OPTION WITH 5.5" BOLT CIRCLES, FOREIGN MATERIAL MAY BE PRESENT IN THE 'CLAMP JOINT' (MATING SURFACE BETWEEN THE WHEEL AND HUB FACE). THIS CAN HINDER THE PROPER TORQUE OF THE LUG NUTS IF THE NUTS ARE NOT INSTALLED WITH THE PROPER TORQUE DURING MANUFACTURE, RE-TIGHTENED DURING THE INITIAL 'SEATING IN' PERIOD AND/OR THERE IS A FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES.

**Consequence:**  
IF THE LUG NUTS DO NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT TORQUE, THE WHEEL COULD SEPARATE FROM THE VEHICLE, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REMOVE ALL PAINT AND FOREIGN MATERIAL FROM THE WHEEL AND HUB MATING SURFACE. THE LUG NUTS WILL THEN BE PROPERLY TIGHTENED. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING AUGUST 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT KEYSTONE AT 1-574-535-2100.

**Notes:**

KEYSTONE RECALL NO. 05-055. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

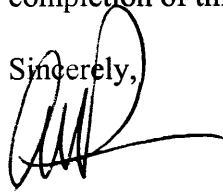
This recall was the subject of an Engineering Analysis, EA04-032, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 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).

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. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during August 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 2005.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement