



U.S. Department
of Transportation

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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

July 18, 2006

GARETT CAROLUS
KEY EXPRESS DIVISION
KEYSTONE RV COMPANY
17400 HACKBERRY DRIVE
GOSHEN IN 46526

NVS-215
06V-257

Subject: INCORRECT WEIGHT RATING AXLES

Dear MR. CAROLUS:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. 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:
KEYSTONE/COUGAR/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-257

Mfg' Report Date: June 16, 2006

Components: SUSPENSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 72

Summary:

CERTAIN FIFTH WHEEL TRAILERS MAY HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED WITH AXLE SPRINGS THAT WERE RATED FOR 4400 LBS. PER AXLE INSTEAD OF 5200 LBS.

Consequence:

THE AXLE SPRINGS MAY FAIL DUE TO BEING OVERLOADED IF THE VEHICLE IS LOADED BEYOND THE CAPACITY OF THE SPRINGS.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE THE AXLE SPRING WITH SPRINGS RATED AT 5200 LBS. PER AXLE FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL BEGAN ON JULY 10, 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KEYSTONE AT 1-866-425-4369.

Notes:

KEYSTONE RECALL NO. 06-072. CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

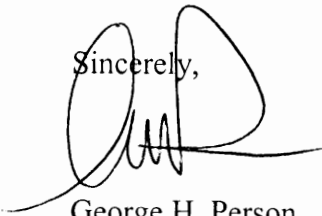
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are 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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to dealers and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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 on July 10, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before October 30, 2006.

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 or delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement