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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

September 13, 2006

GARETT CAROLUS
TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER
KEYSTONE RV COMPANY
17400 HACKBERRY DRIVE
GOSHEN IN 46526

NVS-215
06V-346

Subject: AXLE SPRING SHACKLE NUT TORQUE

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-346

Mfg's Report Date: August 30, 2006

Components: SUSPENSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 286

Summary:

ON CERTAIN FIFTH WHEEL AND TRAVEL TRAILERS, THE AXLE SPRING SHACKLE NUTS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PROPERLY TIGHTENED.

Consequence:

IF THE NUTS ARE NOT TIGHTENED CORRECTLY, THE SUSPENSION BOLTS COULD LOOSEN AND COME OFF WHILE DRIVING WHICH COULD LEAD TO POOR VEHICLE HANDLING INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE SHACKLE NUT TORQUE AND CORRECT IT, IF NECESSARY, FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING SEPTEMBER 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KEYSTONE RV AT 1-866-425-4369.

Notes:

KEYSTONE RV RECALL NO. 06-075. 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).

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

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

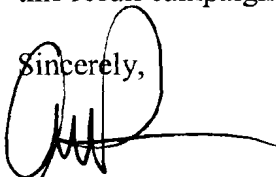
You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to dealers and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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 September 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before January 30, 2007.

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@dot.gov or delia.lopez@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