



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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GARETT CAROLUS
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KEYSTONE RV COMPANY
2642 HACKBERRY DRIVE
GOSHEN, IN 46526

NVS-215paw
07V-286

Subject: VALVE STEM LEAKAGE ON 16" STEEL WHEELS

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/BIG SKY/2007
KEYSTONE/CHALLENGER/2007
KEYSTONE/EVEREST/2007
KEYSTONE/MONTANA/2007
KEYSTONE/MOUNTAINEER/2007
KEYSTONE/SPRINTER/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-287

Mfg's Report Date: June 21, 2007

Components: WHEELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 995

Summary:

CERTAIN FIFTH WHEEL TRAILERS BUILT WITH 16" STEEL WHEELS MAY LEAK AT THE VALVE STEM DURING INFLATION OR WHEN CHECKING THE AIR PRESSURE DUE TO IMPROPER SEATING OF THE VALVE STEM. SOME MODELS HAVE ALUMINUM WHEELS WITH A STEEL SPARE AND ONLY THE SPARE IS AFFECTED. INDICATION OF THE DEFECT OCCURS WHEN APPLYING SIDEWAYS PRESSURE TO THE VALVE STEM (SUCH AS CHECKING THE TIRE PRESSURE). AIR WILL LEAK THROUGH THE VALVE HOLE IN THE RIM.

Consequence:

CONTINUING TO PULL A VEHICLE WITH IMPROPERLY INFLATED TIRES WILL RESULT IN POOR VEHICLE HANDLING AND INCREASED RISK OF PROPERTY DAMAGE AND A A VEHICLE CRASH COULD OCCUR IF THE TIRE FAILS AS A RESULT OF UNDER-INFLATION.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE SNAP-IN VALVE STEM WITH A BOLT-IN VALVE STEM. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JULY 2, 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KEYSTONE RV AT 1-866-425-4369.

Notes:

KEYSTONE RECALL NO. 07-083. 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:

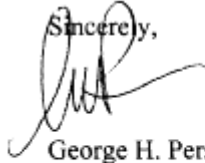
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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