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March 19, 2007

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Associate Administrator for Enforcement – NVS-200  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Room 5231  
400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, DC 20590

**07V-145**  
**(2 Pages)**

Re: Defect Information Report: KZRV, LP

Dear Mr. Smith:

KZRV, LP has determined that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain recreational vehicles manufactured by KZRV, LP between February 9, 2007 and February 23, 2007. This notification is being provided in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573.

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The vehicles that contain the potential defect are Durango, Sportsmen, Jag, Sportster, New Vision, Montego Bay and Escalade in both Travel Trailers and Fifth Wheels manufactured between February 9, 2007 and February 23, 2007.

The potential defect at issue concerns Big Easy™ Triple Steps, which are entry steps installed as original equipment on some of our vehicles. These entry steps were manufactured by Hickory Springs Manufacturing Company (Hickory Springs) between February 6, 2007 and February 23, 2007. Based on inspections of existing inventory, Hickory Springs determined that no units produced prior to February 6, 2007 contain the defect at issue. Hickory Springs has addressed the manufacturing issues that created the defect, so steps produced after February 23, 2007 do not have the defect. Hickory Springs provided a Defect Information Report to NHTSA concerning this defect on March 6, 2007.

The number of KZRV, LP vehicles on which the defective units were installed is two hundred eighty-five (285). KZRV, LP estimates that only one hundred thirty-five (135) of those vehicles were delivered to dealers or customers.

Based on information provided by Hickory Springs, KZRV, LP believes that it is likely that all of the vehicles covered by this determination contain the defect.

The defect relates to an improper engagement of the bottom step pivot arm with the formed stop edge of the middle step support bracket, which can result in the bottom step rotating to an unsafe downward angle. For additional details, please see the Defect Information Report submitted by Hickory Springs.

On March 13, 2007, Hickory Springs notified KZRV, LP in writing that it had determined that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety existed with regard to the steps and that it had provided a notification to NHTSA, pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573. After KZRV, LP determined the defective equipment had been installed on some vehicles that had left our custody and control, KZRV, LP determined that it also should provide such a notification.

Hickory Springs has developed a remedy for the defective steps (see the Report submitted to NHTSA by Hickory Springs for details.)

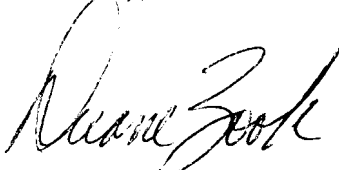
For vehicles in inventory at dealers or that have been delivered to consumers, KZRV, LP will provide notification concerning the defect and a remedy at no charge for either parts or labor.

Additional details regarding KZRV, LP's remedy program will be provided when they are available.

Because the affected units were manufactured within the last month, it is highly unlikely that any consumers have sought a pre-notification remedy. In addition, any vehicles in which the units have been installed are still under warranty. For these reasons, the pre-notification reimbursement provisions of 49 CFR 573.13 are inapplicable here.

If you would like any additional information regarding this defect determination or the forthcoming recall, please contact Duane Zook, 260-768-4016 x127.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Duane Zook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

Duane Zook  
KZRV, LP

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