



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 DR
GOSHEN, IN 46526

NVS-215dgl
10V-063

SUBJECT: SPARE TIRE CARRIER

DEAR MR. CAROLUS:

This letter serves to acknowledge Keystone RV Company's (Keystone) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect in the vehicles listed below for which a safety recall campaign will be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

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/2008-2010
KEYSTONE/LAREDO/2008-2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-063

Mfg's Report Date: February 8, 2009

Components: TIRES: TEMPORARY/EMERGENCY SPARE TIRE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,893

Summary:

KEYSTONE IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008-2010 COUGAR AND LAREDO TRAILERS AND FIFTH WHEEL VEHICLES. THESE VEHICLES HAVE EXPERIENCED A LIMITED NUMBER OF FAILURES WITH ITS SPARE TIRE CARRIERS IN PARTICULAR, THE SPARE TIRE CARRIERS, WHEN COMBINED WITH A 16" SPARE TIRE AND WHEN INSTALLED ON THE BUMPER OF A SLIDE OUT BIKE/STORAGE RACK, MAY BREAK OR CRACK AFTER TIME CAUSING THE SPARE TIRE TO FALL OFF.

Consequence:

IF THE TIRE CARRIER FAILS CAUSING THE TIRE TO COME LOOSE, THERE IS AN INCREASED RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Remedy:

THE REMEDY IS TO REPLACE THE SPARE TIRE CARRIER WITH A NEW SPARE TIRE CARRIER FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE MARCH 1, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KEYSTONE AT 1-866-425-4369.

Notes:

KEYSTONE RV RECALL NO. 10-129. CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

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

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