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Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Keystone RV Company
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

Keystone RV Company ("Keystone") has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the recreational vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The recall population includes the following product brands manufactured by Keystone.

<u>Product Brand</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles</u>
2008 Cougar Fifth Wheels with 16" wheels and Slide out Bike/Storage Rack Production Dates: 1/17/2008 – 3/14/2008 VIN Range: 4YDF2922582506525 - 4YDF2922582508470	76
2009 Cougar Fifth Wheels with 16" wheels and Slide out Bike/Storage Rack Production Dates: 4/17/2008 – 3/2/2009 VIN Range: 4YDF2912092500411 - 4YDF3262592505164	253
2010 Cougar Fifth Wheels with 16" wheels and Slide out Bike/Storage Rack Production Dates: 3/4/2009 – 2/5/2010 VIN Range: 4YDF32429A2500024 - 4YDF32229A2505713	1429
2008 Laredo Fifth Wheels with 16" wheels and Slide out Bike/Storage Rack Production Dates: 2/12/2008 – 4/1/2008 VIN Range: 4YDF265278L602063 - 4YDF300238L602563	114
2009 Laredo Fifth Wheels with 16" wheels and Slide out Bike/Storage Rack Production Dates: 4/2/2008 – 3/5/2009 VIN Range: 4YDF320249L600009 - 4YDF316279L601768	433
2010 Laredo Fifth Wheels with 16" wheels and Slide out Bike/Storage Rack Production Dates: 3/9/2009 – 2/5/2010 VIN Range: 4YDF31623AL600010 - 4YDF31025AE602516	585

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is: 2,893

- B. Description of Defect. It has been decided that Keystone RV Company has experienced a limited number failures with its spare tire carriers on certain Keystone brand trailers and fifth wheels. 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. If the tire carrier fails causing the tire to come loose, there is an increased risk of personal injury and property damage. The subject brand trailers and fifth wheels affected were manufactured from 2008 through February 5, 2010.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Recently Keystone was made aware of a spare tire carrier breaking causing the spare tire to fall off of a customer's trailer. The spare tire impacted a motor vehicle resulting in an accident and possible personal injury to the occupants. The spare tire that fell off was a 16" tire affixed to a tire carrier that was mounted on the bumper of a slide out bike/storage rack. Although the report is unconfirmed and there is only limited information regarding the incident Keystone investigated the tire carrier failure. Keystone warranty records revealed that there were a limited number of similar failures with the spare tire carrier when it is combined with a 16" spare tire and when it is installed on the bumper of a slide out bike/storage rack on certain Keystone brand trailers and fifth wheels manufactured since 2008. It was this investigation which supported the finding that a defect in the tire carrier exists under the limited circumstances as described above.
- D. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to replace the spare tire carrier with a new spare tire carrier supplied by Keystone.
- E. Owner Notifications. Owner notification will begin approximately March 1, 2010 pending NHTSA approval. A final copy of the dealer repair procedures will also be provided to NHTSA.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Keystone will be filing quarterly reports in connection with this recall campaign.
- G. Campaign Number. Keystone's identification code for this recall is 10-129.

If you need any additional information regarding this recall campaign, please feel free to contact me at 574-537-3925.

Sincerely,

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Keystone RV Company
Technical Manager