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**VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

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>
2011 Alpine Fifth Wheels Production Dates: 8/26/2010 - 8/31/2010 VIN Range: 4YDF3642XBE780267 - 4YDF36422BE780280	14
2011 Avalanche Fifth Wheels Production Dates: 8/26/2010 - 8/31/2010 VIN Range: 4YDF34028BE760321 - 4YDF33521BE760342	22
2011 Fuzion Fifth Wheels Production Dates: 8/19/2010 - 8/31/2010 VIN Range: 4YDF30225BF810592 - 4YDF39826BF810662	61
2011 Laredo Fifth Wheels Production Dates: 8/26/2010 - 8/31/2010 VIN Range: 4YDF3102XBE601430 - 4YDF31825BE601470	10
2011 Montana Fifth Wheels Production Dates: 8/19/2010 - 8/31/2010 VIN Range: 4YDF34529B4701602 - 4YDF36128B4701754	153

2011 Mountaineer Fifth Wheels 62
Production Dates: 8/19/2010 – 9/1/2010
VIN Range: 4YDF28528BR730537 - 4YDF34722BR730598

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is: 322

- B. Description of Defect. It has been decided certain Dexter axles manufactured between August 15 and August 30, 2010 and installed as original equipment on Keystone recreational vehicles may contain cracks in the spindle weld. These cracks can propagate and cause the spindle to detach from the axle tube, resulting in the separation of the wheel end from the vehicle leading to an increased risk of property damage and/or vehicle crash.

Manufacturer: Dexter 2900 Industrial Parkway East Elkhart, Indiana 46516
Contact: Bill O'Hara

- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. The problem was discovered as a result of one failure on a unit being delivered to the dealer.
- D. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to inspect the axle serial number and replace it if it falls within the serial number range identified by Dexter.
- E. Owner Notifications. Keystone will notify the owners of the recreational vehicles by letter beginning on September 23, 2010 pending NHTSA approval. A final copy of the owner letter will also be provided to NHTSA, along with the dealer repair procedures.
- 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 10-147.

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