

November 23, 2010

**VIA E-MAIL**  
**RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

10V-594  
(2 Pages)

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>
2010 - 2011 Alpine Fifth Wheels with Generator Ready Option Production Dates: 12/8/2009 – 9/29/2010	69
2010 - 2011 Avalanche Fifth Wheels with Generator Ready Option Production Dates: 2/10/2010 – 9/28/2010	13
2009 - 2010 Challenger Fifth Wheels with Generator Ready Option Production Dates: 8/6/2008 – 4/13/2009	7
2009 - 2010 Everest Fifth Wheels with Generator Ready Option Production Dates: 8/6/2008 – 9/8/2009	33
2009 - 2011 Fuzion Fifth Wheels and Travel Trailers Production Dates: 8/18/2008 – 7/30/2010	2544
2009 - 2011 Montana Fifth Wheels with Generator Ready Option Production Dates: 8/4/2008 – 6/30/2010	661
2009 - 2011 Montana Big Sky Fifth Wheels with Generator Ready Option Production Dates: 8/4/2008 – 6/16/2010	178

2010 - 2011 Montana Mountaineer Fifth Wheels with Generator Ready Option Production Dates: 3/4/2009 – 6/25/2010	198
2010 - 2011 Montana High Country Fifth Wheels with Generator Ready Option Production Dates: 3/29/2010 – 6/28/2010	9
2009 - 2011 Raptor Fifth Wheels and Travel Trailers Production Dates: 8/11/2008 – 7/30/2010	2585
The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is:	6297

- B. Description of Defect. It has been decided if the transfer switch is not installed to the proper specifications, the elevated electrical loads associated with RV use in higher ambient temperatures may cause overheating of the lugs and degrading of the electrical connections. Specifically if the set screw on the connector lug does not have sufficient torque, it could result in increased resistance and higher temperatures on the metal lugs. This condition may result in further degradation of the electrical connections, elevated case temperatures and an increased risk of appliance and other property damage.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Keystone began receiving an increasing number of reports regarding heat related failures to transfer switches this past summer. A total of 47 failures related to heat have been reported to date since June 1, 2010. An investigation into the cause of the failures subsequently led to the primary cause of failure on the switches that could be determined is lack of torque on the connecting lug set screw.
- D. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to inspect the transfer switch for evidence of heat damage and verify the torque of the set screws. If the inspection reveals evidence of heat damage, the switch will be replaced.
- E. Owner Notifications. Keystone will notify the owners of the recreational vehicles by letter beginning on November 22, 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 10-153.

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