



12-01-2010

Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, Coachmen Recreational Vehicles, a Division of Forest River Inc. is submitting this report to NHTSA concerning a recall campaign, which is being voluntarily initiated. The specific information is as follows;

**573.5(c)(2)**

Affected vehicles are certain 2011 MY Coachmen Catalina Travel Trailers models 29RKS, 30BHS, 30QBS, 32BHDS & 38BHDS with 15" x 6" Silver "Mod" rims and 2011 Coachmen Freedom Express 296REDS steel rims spare only with 16" x 5" White "Spoke" rims. There also have been two-(2) parts sales of possible affected rims for a total of 9 rims. These vehicles were manufactured at Coachmen RV's Middlebury, Indiana facility from August 23, 2010 through September 28, 2010.

The recall population was determined from the manufacturing records for the company's manufacturing plant in Middlebury, Indiana, which produced the affected recreational vehicles.

**573.5(c)(3)**

A total of two hundred fifteen-(215) travel trailers (nine hundred ninety five-(995) rims) are subject to this recall. Specific Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) is as follows;

2011 Coachmen, 29RKS, 30BHS, 30QBS, 32BHDS & 38BHDS, travel trailers with a starting VIN of 5ZT2CAVB0BT001357 and ending with 5ZT2CAXB5BT001576.

2011 Coachmen Freedom Express 296REDS, travel trailers with a starting VIN of 5ZT2FEVB4BA004367 and ending with 5ZT2FEVB6BA004404.

**573.5(c)(4)**

Coachmen is recalling 100 percent of the model 29RKS, 30BHS, 30QBS, 32BHDS & 38BHDS travel trailers identified in the scope.

**573.5(c)(5)**

The defect was discovered after a notification from Tredit Tire Corporation (Recall # 10E-052) of 57941 Charlotte Avenue, Elkhart, IN 46517-1194 via verbal meeting and letter notification on November 22, 2010 that certain 15" x

6" steel rims manufactured by Xingmin Wheel with a manufacturing codes of 071006Z and 081016B may have inadequate weld penetration between the outer ring and the center plate due to improper plate alignment, thereby potentially resulting in wheel failure and wheel loss causing an accident, personal injury or death.

**573.5(c)(6)**

Coachmen decided to conduct this recall following a notification from Tredit Tire Corporation of their submission and recall number assignment. Coachmen RV is not aware of any wheel failures incidents on the specific products affected.

**573.5(c)(8)**

The remedy for the affected travel trailers will involve visual inspection for specific labeling of the "WARNING" stickers on the rims, identification of specific appearance of lug hole formation and/or complete removal of wheel assembly for identification of specific production codes as supplied by Xingmin.

As for the parts sales of these specific rims they have been inspected and replaced as part of the investigation. No rims sold other than installed on the vehicles are affected by this recall.

Copies of the repair instructions and dealer notification letters will be provided to the agency within 10 business days. Coachmen RV is contacting all dealers and retail owners of the affected vehicles. Upon notification Coachmen is prepared to begin dealer notification within 5 business days after approval, and on January 2, 2011 due to holiday mail deliveries.

Thank you for your assistance,

Very Truly Yours,

Coachmen Recreational Vehicles, a Division of Forest River Inc



William Conway

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Attachments