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(3 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>             |
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| <u>Only vehicles manufactured with 15" x 6" white (spoke or modular design) steel wheels with a 6 hole bolt pattern are included in the recall population. For vehicles with the aluminum wheel option, the recall only applies to the spare tire if equipped.</u> |                                       |
| 2011 Cougar Travel Trailers and Fifth Wheels   | 419                                   |
| VIN Ranges   |                                       |
| Cougar   | 4YDF26S27B2504099 - 4YDF29R26B2505266 |
| Production Dates:  | 8/27/2010 – 10/14/2010                |
| Cougar X- Lite   | 4YDT26B27BV504590 - 4YDT29B22BV505373 |
| Production Dates:  | 9/2/2010 – 10/14/2010                 |
| 2011 Energy Travel Trailers  | 25                                    |
| VIN Range:   | 4YDT2402XBN830097 - 4YDT23621BN830121 |
| Production Dates:  | 8/17/2010 – 9/22/2010                 |
| 2011 Hornet Hideout Travel Trailers  | 253                                   |
| VIN Ranges   |                                       |
| Indiana  | 4YDT30F24B7202117 - 4YDT38B26B7202611 |
| Production Dates:  | 9/10/2010 – 10/13/2010                |

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| Oregon   | 4YDT31B28BN201902 - 4YDT31R27BN202237 |     |
| Production Dates:                                | 8/16/2010 – 9/28/2010                 |     |
| Indiana  | 4YDT31R21B7202075 - 4YDT31R28B7202378 |     |
| Production Dates:                                | 9/8/2010 – 9/23/2010                  |     |
| 2011 Laredo Travel Trailers and Fifth Wheels     |                                       | 277 |
| VIN Ranges                                       |                                       |     |
| TT   | 4YDT29121BV601514 - 4YDT2932XBV601833 |     |
| Production Dates:                                | 9/1/2010 – 10/11/2010                 |     |
| FW   | 4YDF26621BE601422 - 4YDF26625BE601813 |     |
| Production Dates:                                | 8/25/2010 – 10/12/2010                |     |
| 2011 Outback Travel Trailers and Fifth Wheels    |                                       | 560 |
| VIN Range:                                       | 4YDT31228BB451934 - 4YDT30126BB452494 |     |
| Production Dates:                                | 8/25/2010 – 10/13/2010                |     |
| 2011 Springdale Travel Trailers and Fifth Wheels |                                       | 349 |
| VIN Ranges                                       |                                       |     |
| Plant 3  | 4YDF27923B3103686 - 4YDF27921B3103816 |     |
| Production Dates:                                | 9/23/2010 – 10/6/2010                 |     |
| Plant 703  | 4YDT29220BW103121 - 4YDT29928BW103745 |     |
| Production Dates:                                | 8/24/2010 – 10/12/2010                |     |
| Oregon   | 4YDT26723BG102644 - 4YDT27627BG103626 |     |
| Production Dates:                                | 8/11/2010 – 9/30/2010                 |     |
| 2011 Sprinter Travel Trailers and Fifth Wheel    |                                       | 455 |
| VIN Range  | 4YDT26B2XB1531984 - 4YDF29223B1532490 |     |
| Production Dates:                                | 8/23/2010 – 10/7/2010                 |     |

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is: 2338

B. Description of Defect. It has been decided certain brand name “Arc” 15” x 6” white (spoke or modular design) steel wheels with a 6 hole bolt pattern manufactured by Xingmin Wheel bearing the rim stamp “07 10 06 Z” or “08 10 16 B” on the back side of the rim and installed as original equipment on Keystone recreational vehicles may have poor weld quality between the center disk and outer rim. The poor weld will cause the outer rim portion of the wheel and tire to separate from the vehicle, leading to an increased risk of property damage and/or vehicle crash.

Supplier: Tredit Tire & Wheel Company, Inc. 57941 Charlotte Ave, Elkhart, IN 46517

Supplier Contact: Tim Ball, GM

Distributor: Trans Texas Tire dba Sino-Tex Wheel Manufacturers, Inc., Ltd. 1405 W. Ferguson Rd Mount Pleasant, TX 75455

Distributor Contact: Thomas Walker, President

Manufacturer: Xingmin Wheel, Longkou, Shandong China

- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Tredit Tire & Wheel Company notified Keystone that they received three reports (from another OEM) of the center portion of the wheel that separated from the outer rim. After further investigation Xingmin reported approximately ten "test" wheels used to calibrate the machine during the manufacturing process were inadvertently included in the production set that was received between August and September 2010. Tredit is now in possession of five of the defective wheels and as such it is estimated that there are remaining five in the total recall population for Tredit. It is not known if Keystone was supplied with any defective wheels and Keystone is not aware of any reports of wheel failures in this recall population. Tredit has advised Keystone to inspect vehicles already shipped and return any wheels as identified with the specified rim markings.
- D. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to inspect the wheel for the specific rim stamp markings specific above and replace the wheel if so found.
- E. Owner Notifications. Keystone will notify the owners of the recreational vehicles by letter beginning on November 30, 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 10-157.

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