



December 1, 2010

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)

Subject: Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 49 CFR part 573, Heartland Recreational Vehicles (Heartland) 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.

Specific Information is listed below:

1. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. Listed are the product brands manufactured by Heartland included in the recall.

2011 Caliber All models with 15" wheels Production Date: 8/26/2010 – 10/7/2010 VIN Range: See attached list of VIN numbers	Total 46
2011 Elk Ridge Express Models E-24 and E-26 with 15" wheels Production Date: 8/24/2010 – 10/13/2010 VIN Range: See attached list of VIN numbers	Total 24
2011 Focus Travel Trailers All models with 15" wheels Production Date: 8/26/2010 – 10/11/2010 VIN Range: See attached list of VIN numbers	Total 30
2011 MPG Travel Trailers Model MPG182 with 15" wheels Production Date: 10/19/2010 VIN Range: See attached list of VIN numbers	Total 1

2011 North Country Travel Trailers All models with 15” wheels Production Date: 8/25/2010 – 10/19/2010 VIN Range: See attached list of VIN numbers	Total 98
2011 North Trail Fifth Wheel All models with 15” wheels Production Date: 8/24/2010 – 10/13/2010 VIN Range: See attached list of VIN numbers	Total 14
2011 North Trail Travel Trailers All models with 15” wheels Production Date: 8/26/2010 – 10/11/2010 VIN Range: See attached list of VIN numbers	Total 169
2011 Sundance Fifth Wheels All models with 15” wheels Production Date: 8/24/2010 – 10/13/2010 VIN Range: See attached list of VIN numbers	Total 54
2011 Sundance Travel Trailers All models with 15” wheels Production Date: 8/26/2010 – 10/11/2010 VIN Range: See attached list of VIN numbers	Total 9
2011 Trail Runner Travel Trailers All models with 15” wheels Production Date: 8/25/2010 – 10/19/2010 VIN Range: See attached list of VIN numbers	Total 82

The total number of vehicles included in this recall is: 527

2. Description of Defect.

Certain Heartland Recreational Vehicles manufactured between August 24, 2010 and October 15, 2010 have the potential for being subject to the 15” Xingmin Wheel recall issued by Tredit Tire. Tredit Tire & Wheel Company, Inc has decided that a defect exists in 15” x 6” welded wheels manufactured by Xingman Wheel, bearing the stamp “07 10 06 Z” and “08 10 16 B” on the back side of the wheel, in the rim. Xingman has estimated that a maximum of 10 rims were manufactured with the mismatched welds. The wheel may wobble and/or cause momentary vibration and cause the center of the wheel to separate from the rim.

3. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists.

Heartland had three failures and notified Tredit Immediately on the first failure. An inspection of the failure confirmed a poor weld and started the investigation of the occurrence. No other failures have been reported.

4. Remedy for Defect.

An inspection of the wheel will be performed to determine if the wheel was produced within the range of the failed product, those wheels with a stamp of “07 10 06 Z” and “08 10 16 B” on the back side of the wheel, in the rim will be replaced free of charge.

5. Owner Notification.

The notifications will begin shortly after approval.

6. Quarterly Reporting Requirements.

Heartland will be filling quarterly reports in connection with this recall.

7. Campaign Number.

Heartland’s identification number in connection with this recall is 99-01-06

If you need additional information regarding Heartland’s participation in this recall please feel free to contact David Partin at 574-262-8030 ext 1103.

Respectfully

David Partin
Heartland Recreational Vehicles, LLC