



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

September 2, 2011

MR. JOE RESIL
REGULATORY COMPLIANCE MANAGER
STARCRAFT RV, INC.
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MIDDLEBURY, IN 46540

NVS-215kjs
11V-440

SUBJECT: SPARE TIRE CARRIER BRACKETS

DEAR MR. RESIL:

This letter serves to acknowledge Starcraft Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

STARCRAFT/AUTUMN RIDGE/2011-2012
STARCRAFT/AUTUMN RIDGE AR-ONE/2011-2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-440 **Mfg's Report Date:** August 26, 2011

Components: EQUIPMENT:MECHANICAL:CARRIER/RACK

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,041

Summary:

STARCRAFT IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 AND 2012 AUTUMN RIDGE AND AUTUMN RIDGE AR-ONE TRAVEL TRAILERS MANUFACTURED FROM MARCH 30, 2011, THROUGH JULY 21, 2011. THE SPARE TIRE CARRIER BRACKETS MAY FATIGUE AND BREAK.

Consequence:

THE SPARE TIRE CAN FALL FROM THE VEHICLE POSSIBLY CAUSING A CRASH OR PERSONAL INJURY.

Remedy:

STARCRAFT WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL INSTALL A REINFORCEMENT BRACKET FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING SEPTEMBER 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT STARCRAFT AT 1-800-945-4787.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

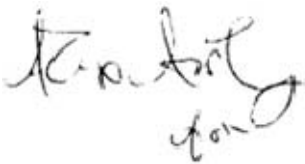
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



Richard Willard
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement