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Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
Department of Transportation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Office of Enforcement NVS-200 Room W45-306  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, Starcraft RV (“Starcraft” or the “Company”) is submitting this report to NHTSA concerning a recall campaign, which is being voluntarily initiated. Specific information is as follows:

573.6(c)(2)

Affected vehicles are:

2011 Starcraft Autumn Ridge AR-One Travel Trailers, series 16BH;  
2011 Autumn Ridge Travel Trailers, series 197FBH, 235FB, 245DS, 256BHS, 264RKS, 278BH,  
297BHS, 329BHU;  
2011 Lexion S-Lite Travel Trailers, series 309QK, 329BH, 336RLSA.

The affected vehicles were manufactured between October 29, 2010 and January 27, 2011.

The recall population was determined from the manufacturing records for the Company’s manufacturing plants in Middlebury, Indiana and Topeka, Indiana, which produced the affected recreational vehicles.

573.6(c)(3)

A total of 135 vehicles are subject to this recall. Specific Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) are as follows:

Model year 2011 vehicles with a starting VIN of 1SABS0AG3B28V5050 and ending with 1SABS0BSXB1DS5055.

573.6(c)(4)

Starcraft is recalling 100 percent of the affected vehicles identified in the scope.

573.6(c)(5)

Starcraft has decided that certain 2011 Starcraft Autumn Ridge AR-One Travel Trailers, series 16BH; Autumn Ridge Travel Trailers, series 197FBH, 235FB, 245DS, 256BHS, 264RKS,

278BH, 297BHS, 329BHU; Lexion S-Lite Travel Trailers, series 309QK, 329BH, 336RLSA may have cracked bolts attaching the leveling jacks to the trailer frame. If all of the bolts broke, it could result in the jack coming loose from the frame and if this occurred while the vehicle was in motion on the road, a collision, injury or death may result.

573.6(c)(6)

We received the first complaint related to this issue on February 22, 2011. An investigation was initiated to research this concern to determine if other units have had the same problem. We began tracking the issue and ultimately identified 42 units to date that have had reports of this issue. A search of warranty claims revealed that we have had a total of 18 warranty claims paid between March 7, 2011 and April 18, 2011 for this problem.

573.6(c)(8)

The remedy for the affected travel trailers will involve replacing the fasteners attaching the leveling jacks to the frame with more robust fasteners.

Copies of the repair instructions, dealer notification letters, and owner letters will be provided to the agency within 10 business days. Starcraft is contacting all dealers and retail owners of the affected vehicles. Upon notification Starcraft is prepared to begin dealer notification within 5 business days after approval, and to owner's ten business days subsequent to dealer notification. We expect that the recall notification will begin in May 2010.

Thank you for your assistance,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph J. Resil". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Sincerely,

Joe Resil  
Regulatory Compliance Manager