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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 & 2012 Starcraft Autumn Ridge AR-One Travel Trailers and 2011 & 2012 Autumn Ridge Travel Trailers.

The affected vehicles were manufactured between March 30, 2011 and July 21, 2011.

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

573.6(c)(3)

A total of 1041 vehicles are subject to this recall. Specific Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) are as follows:

Model year 2011 & 2012 vehicles with a starting VIN of 1SABS0AF0B28U5308 and ending with 1SABSHAJXC28S5104.

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 & 2012 Starcraft Autumn Ridge AR-One Travel Trailers and 2011 & 2012 Autumn Ridge Travel Trailers may have spare tire carrier brackets that may fatigue and break. If the bracket would break, it could result in the bracket and spare tire falling off the wall and if this occurred while the vehicle was in motion on the road, a collision, injury, or death may result.

573.6(c)(6)

Starcraft received two complaints in May and two in June 2011 about the spare tire carrier being broken when the affected units arrived at the dealership. To date, Starcraft has received twenty complaints. No warranty claims have been paid for this yet. An internal investigation began in July when the rate of incidence increased. It was determined that the brackets should be reinforced with an additional part in order to prevent the bracket from breaking and that it was appropriate to initiate a safety recall campaign.

573.6(c)(8)

The remedy for the affected recreation vehicles will involve attaching a reinforcement bracket to the spare tire carrier to increase its strength.

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.

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, prominent initial "J".

Sincerely,

Joe Resil
Regulatory Compliance Manager