



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. P. Lewis  
General Counsel  
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NVS-215ET  
12V-418

**Subject:** Wheel Separation

Dear Mr. Lewis:

This letter serves to acknowledge Lippert Components, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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:**

EXTREME/00 DONZI 26 ZX/2012  
EXTREME/2011 NAUTIQUE 200/2011  
EXTREME/25 RAGE/2011  
EXTREME/250 GRAND MAJESTIC/2011  
EXTREME/27 LIGHTNING/2011  
EXTREME/28 FUSION /2011  
EXTREME/28 HEAT/2012  
EXTREME/28SS/2011  
EXTREME/29 DECK/2011  
EXTREME/33 DAYTONA/2012  
EXTREME/BENNINGTON 250 GRAND MAJ/2011  
EXTREME/DCB F-26/2012  
EXTREME/PREMIER 260 GRAND ISLE/2012  
EXTREME/WAKE 23 LSV/2011  
EXTREME/WAKE 247 LSV/2011  
EXTREME/WAKE VLX/2011  
EXTREME/WAKE VTX/2011

**Mfr's Report Date:** August 24, 2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-418

**Components:**  
WHEELS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 143

**Problem Description:**

Lippert Components, Inc.(Lippert), d.b.a Extreme Trailers, is recalling certain model year 2011-2012 boat trailers equipped with Carlisle Transport Products brand wheels installed as original equipment. Lippert also sold approximately 118 wheel and tire assemblies for aftermarket use on various recreational vehicles. These wheels were manufactured with machine dimensions for the

application of a center cap and the application of steel lug inserts that were not controlled to the required specifications. As a result, the wheel may not be tightened to the proper torque during the mounting process.

**Consequence:**

If the wheels are not tightened to the proper torque, the wheels could loosen, leading to wheel separation, possibly resulting in a vehicle crash. A detached wheel also becomes a road hazard.

**Remedy:**

Lippert will notify owners, and Carlisle Transport Products dealers will repair or replace the affected wheels free of charge. Lippert has not provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Lippert Components at 1-574-312-6113.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received your proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

The information in your report suggests that Lippert Components, Inc. may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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).

We understand that Carlisle Transportation Products will be filing the required quarterly reports for this recall.

Your contact for this recall will be Edison Thompson who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at [edison.thompson@dot.gov](mailto:edison.thompson@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement