



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Garrett Carolus
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NVS-215KS
13V-305

Subject: Battery Box May Detach

Dear Mr. Carolus:

This letter serves to acknowledge Keystone RV Company'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:
KEYSTONE/LAREDO/2013-2014

Mfr's Report Date: July 9, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-305

Components:
ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 239

Problem Description:

Keystone RV is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 Laredo Fifth Wheel vehicles, models 270SRL, 280SBH, 290SRE and 293SBH, manufactured March 6, 2013, through June 27, 2013. The battery box has inadequate support for the battery and the box may fall out of position during travel.

Consequence:

The battery box may fall out of position resulting in electrical shorts which may lead to a fire. Also, the battery box may fall from the vehicle creating a road hazard.

Remedy:

Keystone RV will notify owners and will install a battery box mounting reinforcement kit, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in late July 2013. Owners may contact Keystone Customer Service by calling 1-866-425-4369. Keystone's identification code for this recall is 13-194.

Notes:

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

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

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement