



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

August 16, 2013

Mr. Paul Christensen
Outdoors RV Manufacturing
62582 Pierce Road
La Grande, OR 97850

NVS-215KS
13V-357

Subject: Unexpected Unfurling of the Awning

Dear Mr. Christensen:

This letter serves to acknowledge Outdoors RV Manufacturing'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:

BLACK STONE/280RKS/2014
CREEK SIDE/18CK/2013-2014
CREEK SIDE/20FQ/2013-2014
CREEK SIDE/22RB/2013-2014
CREEK SIDE/23BHS/2013-2014
CREEK SIDE/23RKS/2013-2014
CREEK SIDE/26BKS/2013-2014
CREEK SIDE/26RLS/2013-2014
TIMBER RIDGE/240RKS/2013-2014
TIMBER RIDGE/250FLS/2013-2014
TIMBER RIDGE/250RDS/2013-2014
TIMBER RIDGE/270DBHS/2013-2014
TIMBER RIDGE/270DSRL/2013-2014
TIMBER RIDGE/280RKS/2013-2014
WIND RIVER/240RKSW/2013
WIND RIVER/250RDSW/2013
WIND RIVER/250RLSW/2013

Mfr's Report Date: August 8, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-357

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 204

Problem Description:

Outdoors RV Manufacturing is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 Creek Side trailers manufactured February 27, 2013, through March 11, 2013; model year 2013-2014 Timber Ridge trailers manufactured April 5, 2013, through May 1, 2013; and model year 2013 Wind River trailers manufactured April 3, 2013, through April 19, 2013; and model year 2014 Black Stone trailers

manufactured April 24, 2013, through April 25, 2013. Due to a design change in the Dometic-brand power awning motor assembly, the motor assembly screws may unknowingly shear.

Consequence:

If the motor assembly screws shear, it is possible that the awning can unfurl unexpectedly, either while the vehicle is at rest or while in transit, increasing the risk of personal injury or a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

Outdoor RV will notify owners beginning August 26, 2013 and Dometic staff will replace the affected motors with motors of a different design. Owners may contact Outdoor RV at 1-541-624-5500 or Dometic at 1-888-447-0003 for more information. Owners are being instructed not to drive their vehicle until repairs can be performed.

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.

We have received Outdoor RV'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:

Outdoor RV must submit a sample of the envelope in which you intend to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY," "RECALL," and "NOTICE," in any order, must be printed on the envelope in all capital letters, in a type larger than that used in the address section, and in a manner distinguishable from the other type in a manner other than size (for example, in a different font or color).

We have been informed that Dometic will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer Outdoor RV is ultimately responsible for conducting an adequate safety recall campaign of its vehicles. Accordingly if this safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require Outdoor RV to conduct a follow-up notification and conduct additional quarterly reporting.

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,



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