



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Joe Resil
Regulatory Compliance Manager
Starcraft RV, Inc.
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NVS-215KS
13V-381

Subject: Spare Tire Bracket May Detach

Dear Mr. Resil:

This letter serves to acknowledge Starcraft RV, 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:
STARCRAFT/COMET/2014

Mfr's Report Date: August 20, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-381

Components:
TIRES:TEMPORARY/EMERGENCY SPARE TIRE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 22

Problem Description:
Starcraft RV Inc. (Starcraft) is recalling certain model year 2014 Comet Camping Trailers manufactured September 18, 2012, through May 6, 2013. The spare tire bracket mounted on the rear wall is not secured sufficiently and could detach.

Consequence:
If the spare tire bracket detaches from the vehicle while it is being driven, it could become a road hazard increasing the risk of a vehicle crash or injury.

Remedy:
Starcraft will notify owners and dealers will add a metal strap to secure the spare tire bracket, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in September 2013. Owners may contact Starcraft at 1-800-945-4787.

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 the first name being the most prominent.

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