

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

Date: 9-23-13

This report serves as [insert reporting manufacturer's name]'s notification to the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that a [insert as applicable: "defect related to motor vehicle safety" or "noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards"] exists in certain [identify the vehicles at issue]. [Manufacturer] decided that this [insert "defect" or "noncompliance," as applicable] existed in these vehicles on [insert date].

I. Manufacturer, Designated Agent, and Other Chain of Distribution Information

Manufacturer's corporate name: Lakota Corporation

Vehicle brand or trademark name owner(s) (where applicable): Charger, ChargerSE, Lakota HUT

Designated Agent (imported vehicles):

AJ Yoder

If this notification concerns a defective or noncompliant component that the above identified manufacturer did not manufacture, identify that component and provide the name, address, and phone number of the manufacturer of the component (if this manufacturer is unknown, provide this information as to the supplier of the component):

Name, address, email, and phone and fax numbers for the person(s) to whom inquiries about this report should be directed:

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Manufacturer's assigned campaign number (where applicable):

II. Identification of the Recall Population and Its Size

Complete the tables below for each group of vehicles subject to this notification. Additional tables may be necessary where there are more than three groups subject to a notification.

Make:	Lakota Charger
Model:	C8X9
Model Year(s):	2013 and 2014
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year):	January 2013 thru August 2013
Body Style/Type (for non-passenger cars):	
Other information necessary to describe these vehicles (e.g., VIN range, GVWR or class for trucks, displacement for motorcycles, and number of passengers for buses):	Charger, 8 wide, 2, 3, & 4 horse with 9 foot short wall LR, C829, C839, C849
Total number of these vehicles:	14

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Model:	CX9
Model Year(s):	2013 and 2014
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year):	January 2013 thru August 2013

additional table

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Complete the tables below for each group of vehicles subject to this notification. Additional tables may be necessary where there are more than three groups subject to a notification.

Make:	Lakota HUT
Model:	H839
Model Year(s):	2014
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year):	January 2013
Body Style/Type (for non-passenger cars):	
Other information necessary to describe these vehicles (e.g., VIN range, GVWR or class for trucks, displacement for motorcycles, and number of passengers for buses):	Lakota HUT 8 wide, 3 horse with 9 foot LQ
Total number of these vehicles:	1

Make:	
Model:	
Model Year(s):	
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year):	
Body Style/Type (for non-passenger cars):	
Other information necessary to describe these vehicles (e.g., VIN range, GVWR or class for trucks, displacement for motorcycles, and number of passengers for buses):	

Body Style/Type (for non-passenger cars):
Other information necessary to describe these vehicles (e.g., VIN range, GVWR or class for trucks, displacement for motorcycles, and number of passengers for buses): Charger 6'9" wide, 2, 3, & 4 horse with 9 foot short wall LQ, C29, C39, C49
Total number of these vehicles: 32

Make: Lakota Charger
Model: C27
Model Year(s): 2014
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): January 2013 thru August 2013
Body Style/Type (for non-passenger cars):
Other information necessary to describe these vehicles (e.g., VIN range, GVWR or class for trucks, displacement for motorcycles, and number of passengers for buses): Charger 6'9" wide, 2 horse with 7 foot short wall LQ, C27
Total number of these vehicles: 4

Provide the following information as to all the groups of vehicles:

Grand total number of vehicles: 51

The percentage of the recall population you estimate actually contain the defect or noncompliance:
100%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined (e.g., on what basis the recalled models were selected and how the inclusive dates of manufacture were determined):

Lakota began using a different recessed cook top in January 2013. This start date was documented internally for future reference.

Describe how the recall population is different from any similar vehicles not subject to this notification:

Only trailers with a 3 cubic foot refrigerator AND a recessed cook top of the style used in and after January 2013.

III. Description of the Defect or Noncompliance and Chronology of Events

Describe the defect or noncompliance, including a summary and detailed description of the nature and physical location (if appropriate) of the defect or noncompliance. Graphic aids should be provided where necessary.

Trailers built with a 3 cubic foot refrigerator and the optional recessed cook top do not have the refrigerator combustion system completely isolated from the vehicle interior.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

When the new cook top was introduced into manufacturing the cabinet underneath was eliminated rather than modified to fit the new cook top; therefore, the cook top over the refrigerator has openings into the vehicle interior.

Describe the safety consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Fumes, and or gases from the refrigerator combustion system could enter the vehicles interior.

Identify any warning(s) that may precede the defect or noncompliance condition.

LP alarm, carbon monoxide alarm, or smoke alarm could alarm.

For defects, provide a dated, chronological summary of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination that the defect is related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information such as numbers of crashes, injuries and fatalities.

There are no crashes, injuries, or fatalities. A consumer brought this to our attention with a photo by email on 9-17-2013.

For noncompliances, identify the test results and other information considered in determining the existence of the noncompliance, and provide the date of each test and observation indicative of that noncompliance.

When email was recieved I went to production line and found same model trailer with optional recessed cook top and observed same defect and notified production and corrections were made on all trailers in our possession.

IV. The Remedy Program and Its Schedule

Describe the program for remedying the defect or noncompliance, including the plan for reimbursing those owners and purchasers who may have incurred costs to remedy the defect or noncompliance before receiving the manufacturer's notification concerning that defect or noncompliance. Also include, where applicable, details with dates concerning any production remedy that was conducted or will be conducted.

Cabinets were built under recessed cooktops over 3 cubic foot refrigerators and sealed from vehicle interior. Owners will receive full reimbursement for this correction if done prior to notification. All trailers in our possession

Provide the estimated date(s) on which owner and purchaser notifications will be issued and the estimated date(s) for completion of those notifications.

were corrected

Letters, instructions and materials will be ready by 10-7-13.

Provide the estimated date(s) on which dealer and distributor notifications will be issued and the estimated date(s) for completion of those notifications.

Letters instructions, and materials will be ready by 10-7-13

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

One will not be able to see into the vehicle interior from the outside refrigerator cabinet through the cook top.

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