

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

Date: MARCH 10, 2014

This report serves as TRIPLE E RECREATIONAL VEHICLES notification to the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that a NON COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS ] exists in certain 2014 FREE SPIRIT MH. TRIPLE E RECREATIONAL VEHICLES decided that this [ 'noncompliance,' ; existed in these vehicles on MARCH 6, 2014.

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

Manufacturer's corporate name: TRIPLE E RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Vehicle brand or trademark name owner(s) (where applicable):

Designated Agent (imported vehicles):

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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):

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

BRAD WALL - bkwall@tripleerv.com (P) 204-325-4361 ext 233 (F) 204-325-5241

Manufacturer's assigned campaign number (where applicable): CA#7841-1

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: FREE SPIRIT
Model: FS22
Model Year(s): 2014
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): SEPT 2013 - MAR 2014
Body Style/Type (for non-passenger cars): CLASS B MOTORHOME
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):
Total number of these vehicles: 12

Make: FREE SPIRIT
Model: FS22SS
Model Year(s): 2014
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): SEPT 2013 - MAR 2014
Body Style/Type (for non-passenger cars): CLASS B MOTORHOME
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):

Total number of these vehicles: 12

Make: FREE SPIRIT
Model: FS22TE
Model Year(s): 2014
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): SEPT 2013 - MAR 2014
Body Style/Type (for non-passenger cars): CLASS B MOTORHOME
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):
Total number of these vehicles: 3

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

Grand total number of vehicles: 27

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):

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THE RECALL POPULATION WAS DETERMINED BY IN-HOUSE INSPECTION OF  
QUALITY CONTROL. THE DATES WERE DETERMIINED DURING A DESIGN  
CHANGE OF THE TIRE CARRIER.

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

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N/A

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### 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.

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THE SPARE TIRE CARRIER & SPARE TIRE COVER OBSTRUCTS THE VISIBILITY  
OF THE REAR DRIVERSIDE TAILLIGHT.

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

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A DESIGN CHANGE TO THE IN-HOUSE BUILT TIRE CARRIER.

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

WHEN IN MOTION, VEHICLES FOLLOWING MAY NOT SEE THE INTENTION OF THE DRIVER DURING LEFT HAND TURNS, A POTENTIAL FOR AN ACCIDENT.

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

N/A

*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.

N/A

*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.

N/A

#### 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.

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TRIPLE E RV WILL PROVIDE A NEW TIRE CARRIER TO BE INSTALLED.  
DESIGN CHANGE OF TIRE CARRIER WILL TAKE EFFECT MID MARCH 2014.

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

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ESTIMATED DATE NOTIFICATION WILL BE SENT TO RETAIL OWNERS WILL BE  
MARCH 24, 2014.

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

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ESTIMATED DATE NOTIFICATION WILL BE SENT TO DEALERS WILL BE  
MARCH 24, 2014.

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

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THE TIRE CARRIER HAS BOLTS WELDED INTO THE CARRIER, THESE BOLTS HAVE BEEN  
LOWERED ON THE CARRIER FRAME, LOWERING THE TIRE BY 4 INCHES. THE RECALLED  
TIRE CARRIER HAS THE BOLTS POSITIONED HIGHER ON THE CARRIER FRAME.

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