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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

Date: APRIL 15, 2014

This report serves as Triple E Recreational Vehicles' notification to the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that a "Noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Standards exists in certain Free Spirit Motorhomes. Triple E Recreational Vehicles decided that this "Noncompliance" existed in these vehicles on April 11, 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):

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:

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

Manufacturer's assigned campaign number (where applicable): CA#7835-1

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): 2012
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): OCT 2011 - SEPT 2012
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: 25

Make: FREE SPIRIT
Model: FS22SS
Model Year(s): 2012
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): OCT 2011 - SEPT 2012
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: 1

Make: FREE SPIRIT
Model: FS22
Model Year(s): 2013
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): JUNE 2012 - JUNE 2013
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: 18

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

Grand total number of vehicles: _____

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

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Make: FREE SPIRIT
Model: FS22SS
Model Year(s): 2013
Inclusive dates of manufacture (month and year): JUNE 2012 - JUNE 2013
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: 42

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: 21

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: 20

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

Grand total number of vehicles: _____

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

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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: 4

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):

Total number of these vehicles:

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):
Total number of these vehicles:

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

Grand total number of vehicles: 131

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):

THE POPULATION WAS DETERMINED BY IN-HOUSE INSPECTION OF QUALITY CONTROL.

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

N/A

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.

WHEN USING THE 7-POLE TRAILER PLUG SOCKET, TOWING
A VEHICLE OR TRAILER AND HAVING TO USE THE HAZARD LIGHTS, THE HAZARD LIGHTS WILL NOT
WORK ON THE TOW VEHICLE OR TRAILER WHEN THE IGNITION IS TURNED "OFF".

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

THE WIRE FOR THE HAZARD LIGHTS IN THE CHASSIS CONNECTION BLOCK WAS POTENTIALLY INSTALLED
ON THE INCORRECT POST OF THIS BLOCK.

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

WHEN HAVING TO USE THE HAZARD LIGHTS ON THE TOW VEHICLE OR TRAILER WHEN PARKED ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD FOR SAFETY. THE HAZARD LIGHTS, WHEN IGNITION IS TURNED OFF MAY NOT WORK ON THE TOW VEHICLE OR TRAILER, THE POTENTIAL FOR AN ACCIDENT TO OCCUR.

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.

TRIPLE E RECREATIONAL VEHICLES WILL ASK THE RETAIL OWNERS & DEALERS TO INSPECT AND REPAIR THE WIRING.

RETAIL OWNERS WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR COSTS INCURRED TO HAVE THE WIRING REPAIRED PRIOR TO THE RECALL.

UPDATED EMPLOYEE TRAINING WILL COMMENCE IN MARCH 2014.

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

ESTIMATED DATE NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO RETAIL OWNERS WILL BE APRIL 14, 2014.

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

ESTIMATED DATE NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO DEALERS WILL BE APRIL 14, 2014.

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

WHEN CORRECTED THE HAZARD WILL BE ON THE CENTER POST, WHICH IS CONSTANT, AND MAY BE POTENTIALLY ON THE OUTSIDE POST, WHICH IS IGNITION, PRIOR TO NOTIFICATION. IN THE FUSE BLOCK A 25AMP FUSE WILL BE REPLACED WITH A 15AMP FUSE TO LESSEN THE LOAD TO THE WIRING.
