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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Enforcement NVS-200 Room W45-306
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Washington, DC 20590

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, Starcraft, RV. (Starcraft or the “Company”) is submitting this report to NHTSA concerning a recall campaign, which is being voluntarily initiated. Specific information is as follows:

573.6(c)(2)

Affected vehicles are certain model year:

2014 Starcraft Autumn Ridge, AR-ONE and Travel Star Travel Trailers

The recall population was determined from the manufacturing records of Lippert Components Inc. 1701 Century Dr. Goshen, Indiana, in addition to the Company’s manufacturing plant in Topeka , Indiana, which produced the affected recreational vehicles.

573.6(c)(3)

A total of **58** vehicles are subject to this recall.

Specific Vehicle Identification Numbers (VINs) are as follows:

2014 309BHL Autumn Ridge – E28M5101 –E28M5105

2014 289BHS Autumn Ridge – E2815376-5377, E2815379-5381, E2815383-5385, E2815390-5391, E2815395, E2815401, E2815410

2014 245DS Autumn Ridge – E28L5155, E28L5162, E28L5164

2014 21FB AR-ONE-E28J5189-5190, E28J5193-5196, E28J5209

2014 229TB Travel Star Exp – E2JF5137-5141, E2JF5143-5155

2014 239TBS Travel Star Exp – E2JB5087-5092, E2JB5096-5099, E2JB5101

2014 227 KS Travel Star Exp – E2JA5092-5093

573.6(c)(4)

The recall population includes frames built with a 4 ¼ spring hanger, with a build date of 2-13-14 through 2-24-14 manufactured by Lippert Components at their plant in Goshen, Indiana. A total of **131 Starcraft** units were built on Lippert frames with the suspect hanger. **72 vehicles** were inspected by Lippert prior to shipment from Starcraft to the dealers. Out of the 72 inspected, **61** have been inspected by Lippert and cleared and no repairs were required. **11** Units were inspected by Lippert and found to have a defective hanger requiring replacement completed by Lippert. The **59 vehicles** listed as subject to this recall were shipped to dealers prior to an inspection by Lippert and will require an inspection and if defect is found, the remedy performed by the dealer.

573.6(c)(5)

The Vehicles listed above may have a material quality defect in the frame spring hangers, causing the material to be brittle and subject to fracture under stress. If the hanger has the defect, it may fail during travel, leading to an increased risk of loss of control and vehicle crash.

573.6(c)(6)

May 2014 Starcraft was contacted by Lippert concerning location of units manufactured on frames with suspect spring hangers. Upon review of our records, it was determined that a portion of the units had shipped to dealers and the decision was made to release a recall for the balance of units that require the inspection and possible repair.

573.6(c)(8)

The remedy for the affected vehicles is to inspect the spring hanger and replace according to Lippert's instructions, if the defect exists.

Copies of the repair instructions, dealer and owner notification letters will be provided to the agency at least 5 business days prior to their official release. Jayco is contacting all dealers and retail owners of the affected vehicles. Upon notification of the assigned recall number, Jayco is prepared to begin dealer notification. We anticipate that the notification letters will be mailed in June 2014.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Terri Tobias
Regulatory Compliance Manager