



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

July 6, 2016

Mr. Garrett Carolus  
Keystone RV Company  
17400 Hackberry Drive  
Goshen, IN 46526

NEF-150MR  
16V-402

**Subject:** Unprotected Light Ends may Cause Electrical Short

Dear Mr. Carolus:

This letter serves to acknowledge Keystone RV Company'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:**

DUTCHMEN/KODIAK/2016-2017

**Mfr's Report Date:** June 3, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-402

**Components:**

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:WIRING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 135

**Problem Description:**

Keystone RV Company (Keystone) is recalling certain model year 2016-2017 Dutchmen Kodiak recreational trailers manufactured June 10, 2015 through April 6, 2016. In the affected vehicles, the two sections of LED rope lights that serve as backlighting for the countertop each have exposed ends which may short against each other, possibly resulting in an electrical short.

**Consequence:**

An electrical short increases the risk of a fire.

**Remedy:**

Keystone notified owners, and dealers will install a heat shrink tube over one of the LED rope light ends, free of charge. The recall began on June 8, 2016. Owners may contact Keystone customer service at 1-866-425-4369. Keystone's number for this recall is 16-255.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at [michelle.rice@dot.gov](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto: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 a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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