



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. David Partin
Consumer Affairs
Heartland Recreational Vehicles, LLC
1001 All Pro Drive
Elkhart, IN 46514

NEF-150MR
16V-566

Subject: LED Light Overheat Causing Fire

Dear Mr. Partin:

This letter serves to acknowledge Heartland Recreational Vehicles, LLC'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:

HEARTLAND/ELKRIDGE/2015-2017
HEARTLAND/MALLARD/2016-2017
HEARTLAND/SUNDANCE/2017
HEARTLAND/TORQUE/2017
HEARTLAND/WILDERNESS/2016-2017

Mfr's Report Date: July 28, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-566

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:WIRING
EXTERIOR LIGHTING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4,585

Problem Description:

Heartland Recreational Vehicles, LLC (Heartland) is recalling certain model year 2016-2017 Wilderness and Mallard travel trailers, 2015-2017 ElkrIDGE fifth wheel travel trailers, and 2017 Sundance and Torque travel trailers. The affected vehicles have an LED light on the front cap of the camper that may short circuit and overheat.

Consequence:

If the light overheats there would be an increased risk of a fire.

Remedy:

Heartland will notify owners, and dealers will replace the light with one that has built-in voltage protection. The recall is expected to begin on September 26, 2016. Owners may contact Heartland customer service at 1-877-262-8032.

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.

We have received Heartland's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), 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).

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.

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 or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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