

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**16V-318****Manufacturer Name :** Heartland Recreational Vehicles, LLC**Submission Date :** MAY 16, 2016**NHTSA Recall No. :** 16V-318**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Heartland Recreational Vehicles, LLC

Address : 1001 All Pro Drive
Elkhart IN 46514

Company phone : 8772628032

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 172

Estimated percentage with defect : NR

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2016-2017 Heartland RESORT

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : ALL FLOOR PLANS

Production Dates : SEP 28, 2015 - MAY 11, 2016

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : 5SFZB4027GE310120

End : 5SFZB412XHE324853

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2016-2017 Heartland Fairfield

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : destination campers all floor plans

Production Dates : SEP 30, 2015 - MAY 13, 2016

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : 5SFZB4029GE310121

End : 5SFZB4029HE325025

 Not sequential VINs

Vehicle : 2016-2017 Heartland Lakeview

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Destination campers all floor plans

Production Dates : SEP 11, 2015 - APR 30, 2016

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : 5SFZB4029GE310118

End : 5SFZB4021HE324306

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : The affected vehicles are equipped with safety chains on the A-frame that are rated for 11,700 pounds instead of being rated equal to or greater than the gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of the travel trailer.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : In the event the main trailer connection fails, the weight of the trailer could break the safety chains. This would allow the trailer to separate from the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

April 2016 reviewing other recalls that had been posted concerning safety chain ratings.

Sent email to production to review the safety chain on all production lines as the chain specification was changed so that each chain should equal the GVWR.

May 12 safety committee meeting to discuss whether this was truly a safety issue. GVWR of 14,000lb and the combined strength of the chains are 23,400lb.

Committee agrees this is most likely not a safety issue on these campers since they are destination campers but since president had already been set by previous manufactures it was decided to complete a recall.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The chains will be replaced with chains rated for the GVWR at no cost to the consumer

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Replacement safety chains will be rated at 16,200 pound which exceed or meet the GVWR of the trailer.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Production updated with higher rated 16,200 pound safety chains which exceed

or meet the GVWR of the trailer. This was implemented on 4/14/16 to meet current code standards.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : owner letters will be mailed once the final scope is gathered and the draft letter is approved.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAY 18, 2016 - MAY 18, 2016

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

* NR - Not Reported