



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. AJ Schuler
Customer Service
Lakota Corporation
4 Stoutco Drive
Bristol, IN 46507

NEF-150KS
17V-473

Subject: Ramp may Detach from Rear of Trailer

Dear Ms. Schuler:

This letter serves to acknowledge Lakota Corporation'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:
LAKOTA/LAKOTA/2017-2018

Mfr's Report Date: July 25, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-473

Components:
STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 14

Problem Description:

Lakota Corporation (Lakota) is recalling certain 2017-2018 Lakota trailers. The rear external load ramp was not mounted with nuts and bolts in addition to being welded, possibly resulting in the ramp detaching from the trailer.

Consequence:

If the ramp detaches from the rear of trailer, it may be a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Lakota will notify owners, and dealers will install bolts and nuts on each rear external ramp, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin August 25, 2017. Owners may contact Lakota customer service at 1-574-848-1636. Lakota's number for this recall is Non-LQ ext ramp.

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 Lakota'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).

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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement