

# U.S. Department of Transportation

## National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

December 19, 2017

Ms. Terri Tobias Regulatory Compliance Manager Jayco, Inc. 903 South Main Street P.O. Box 460 Middlebury, IN 46540

**Subject:** Fire Extinguisher May Be Clogged or Inoperable

Dear Ms. Tobias:

This letter serves to acknowledge Jayco, Inc.'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:

JAYCO/AMBIENT/2004-2005

JAYCO/AVATAR/2003

JAYCO/COVE/2002-2005

JAYCO/DESIGNER/2002-2005, 2008-2010

JAYCO/EAGLE/2002-2005, 2008-2015

JAYCO/EMBARK/2009-2010, 2012

JAYCO/ESCAPADE/2003-2006

JAYCO/FIRENZA/2002-2003

JAYCO/GRANITE RIDGE/2002-2006

JAYCO/GREYHAWK/2003-2016

JAYCO/JAY FEATHER/2004-2005, 2008-2015

JAYCO/JAY FLIGHT/2002-2016

JAYCO/JAY SERIES/2005, 2008-2016

JAYCO/KIWI/2002-2003

JAYCO/LEGACY/2002-2004

JAYCO/MELBOURNE CLASS C/2007-2015

JAYCO/NORTHPOINT/2010, 2012-2015

JAYCO/OCTANE/2008, 2010-2014

JAYCO/PINNACLE/2012-2015

JAYCO/PRECEPT/2010, 2014-2015

JAYCO/QWEST/2002-2004

JAYCO/RECON/2008-2010

JAYCO/REDHAWK/2014-2016

JAYCO/SEISMIC/2013-2015

JAYCO/SENECA/2005-2015

JAYCO/TALON/2002-2006

JAYCO/WHITE HAWK/2012-2015

JAYCO CAMPING TRAILER/BAJA/2005, 2008-2009

JAYCO CAMPING TRAILER/HERITAGE/2002

JAYCO TRAVEL TRAILER/SKYLARK/2011-2012



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NEF-150MR

17V-746

Mfr's Report Date: December 19, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-746

**Components:** EOUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 49,563

## **Problem Description:**

Jayco, Inc. (Jayco) is recalling various 2002-2016 recreational vehicles equipped with Kidde Plastic-Handle or Push Button 'Pindicator' Fire Extinguishers. A list of the affected trailer models is available at: https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/rcl/2017/ RMISC-17V746-9524.pdf. These extinguishers may become clogged, preventing the extinguisher from discharging as expected or excessive force may be needed to activate the extinguisher. Additionally, in certain models, the nozzle may detach from the valve assembly with enough force that it could cause injury and also render the product inoperable. For a full list of the affected fire extinguisher models visit: https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/rcl/2017/RMISC-17E062-5427.pdf

### **Consequence:**

In the event of a fire, if the fire extinguisher does not function properly, it can increase the risk of injury.

### Remedy

Jayco will notify owners, instructing them to contact Kidde for a replacement fire extinguisher, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 22, 2018. Owners may contact Jayco customer service at 1-800-283-8267, or Kidde customer service toll-free at 1-855-271-0773, or online at www.kidde.com and click on "Product Safety Recall" for more information.

#### 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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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.

We understand that you intend for Kidde to supply the required six quarterly recall completion rate reports.

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

