



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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

NEF-150MR
18V-261

Subject: Bolts that Attach Ramp may come Loose or Break

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/BIGHORN/2018-2019
LAKOTA/CHARGER/2018-2019
LAKOTA/COLT/2018-2019

Mfr's Report Date: April 25, 2018

NHTSA Campaign Number: 18V-261

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 350

Problem Description:

Lakota Corporation (Lakota) is recalling certain 2018-2019 Bighorn, Charger, and Colt trailers. The bolts that secure the ramps on these trailers may come loose or break during use or while moving.

Consequence:

If the ramp loosens or detaches during use or while moving, it can increase the risk of injury or a crash.

Remedy:

Lakota will notify owners, and dealers will replace the bolts with a different bolt, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin May 23, 2018. Owners may contact Owners may contact Lakota Recall Help Desk IPO Lakota Customer Service at 1-574-848-1636. at 1-574-848-1636.

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).

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