



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-265

Subject: Ramp may come Loose Due to Missing Bolts

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-265

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 200

Problem Description:

Lakota Corporation (Lakota) is recalling certain 2018-2019 Bighorn, Charger and Colt horse and livestock trailers equipped with a rear ramp option. These trailers may be missing the nuts and bolts through the ramp channel that go into the rear of trailer C channel, allowing the rear ramp to detach while moving.

Consequence:

If the ramp comes loose while moving, it can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Lakota has notified owners, and dealers will drill holes, and install the bolts and lock nuts to secure the ramp, free of charge. The recall began on May 9, 2018. Owners may contact Lakota helpdesk 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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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 required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please amend your provided chronology of all of the principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including the dates of their receipt.

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