

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

18V-265

Manufacturer Name : Lakota Corporation

Submission Date : JUN 17, 2019

NHTSA Recall No. : 18V-265

Manufacturer Recall No. : NR



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Lakota Corporation

Address : PO Box 219

4 Stoutco Drive Bristol IN 46507

Company phone : 574-848-1636

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 200

Estimated percentage with defect : 50 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2018-2019 lakota bighorn, charger, colt, lakota

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style : ALL

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : oldest trailer that dealer provided data and photo of ramp channel without bolt and nuts. today's date when 4 trailers found without bolts and nuts from ramp channel to back of trailer at our facility.

Production Dates : FEB 01, 2018 - APR 25, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : on trailers with rear ramp option, lack of bolts and nuts through ramp channel into rear of trailer C channel.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : ramp not properly secured which could result in ramp coming loose from the trailer during use or in travel.

Description of the Cause : proper production process was not followed.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : welds cracking at sides of the ramp channel.

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : NR
Address : NR
NR
Country : NR

Chronology :

I keep a weekly report documenting serious issues. On the weekly report of April 17, 2018 thru April 23, 2018 we had documented a dealer provided data and photos 4/19/18 of 3 trailers on his lot without bolts from channel into rear of trailer C channel. I checked trailers at our facility today 4/25/18 and found some that also lacked the bolts and nuts. I called one of our higher volume dealers and had him check some trailers on his lot April 25, 2018 and he also found trailers built between February 2018 and April 2018 lacked bolts between the C channel and rear of the trailer. It is our opinion welding is not sufficient and there must be bolts and nuts installed and so it was decided a recall needed to be conducted.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Drill holes, install bolts and lock nuts to secure channel better to back of trailer into C channel.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Installing missing components

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Confirmed some trailers did and some did not have bolts and nuts. Have installed bolts and nuts on ones without. Met with production to make aware proper process was not followed and must be followed.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : already mailed.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAY 17, 2018 - MAY 24, 2018

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAY 24, 2018 - JUN 07, 2018

* NR - Not Reported