

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 18V-619

**Manufacturer Name :** Lakota Corporation

**Submission Date :** JUN 14, 2019

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 18V-619

**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 :** 287

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 50 %

## Vehicle Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2018-2019 Lakota Bighorn, Charger, Colt

**Vehicle Type :** TRAILERS

**Body Style :**

**Power Train :** NR

**Descriptive Information :** Interim appliance installer during these production dates. Trailers with 6 and 8 cubic foot refrigerators installed in main living area with roof vent. Trailers with 3 cubic foot refrigerators or refrigerators installed in slide out are excluded and do not have roof vents so they are not affected.

The number of products affected is currently being determined.

**Production Dates :** NOV 28, 2017 - MAR 16, 2018

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :**

NR

**End :** NR

Not sequential

## Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** Insulation is blocking the refrigerator roof vent.

**FMVSS 1 :** NR

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** Fire and or carbon monoxide in living quarters.

**Description of the Cause :** Improper installation of insulation.

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** Refrigerator does not cool.

## Supplier Identification :

**Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR  
Address : NR  
NR  
Country : NR

## Chronology :

September 6, 2018 customer called regarding blocked refrigerator vent, was blocked with insulation. Due to a complaint received August 30, 2018 for the same thing we checked claims for blocked refrigerator vent and found one claim from January 2018. Checked build dates on those 3 trailers and found one built January 2018 and two built early March 2018. Spoke to production manager about employee doing refrigerator installation and was informed employee who had been doing the refrigerator installation had been terminated in March 2018. Spoke to human resources and found employee performed refrigerator installation from January 17, 2018 through March 16, 2018. Due to 3 complaints of this serious issue during this workers time performing this task, it was decided to recall trailers with roof vents built during the former employees tenure.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Remove roof vent cap and inspect vent to insure it is not blocked. If not blocked reinstall cap and reseal with caulk. If blocked, remove insulation blocking roof vent, reinstall roof vent cap and reseal with caulk. we will reimburse shops for inspection and/or correction..

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Not applicable.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : a new experienced appliance installer was hired and properly trained.

## Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Lakota will inform dealers via e-mail within one week. Written notification will be drafted and submitted for approval. Instructions will be drafted and submitted for approval. Owner notification will be drafted and submitted for approval.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : OCT 05, 2018 - OCT 09, 2018

Planned Owner Notification Date : OCT 10, 2018 - OCT 12, 2018

\* NR - Not Reported