

March 15, 2019

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

Subject: Incorrect Weight Capacity On Placard/FMVSS 574

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 LAKOTA/LIVESTOCK EDITION/2018-2019

Mfr's Report Date: February 11, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-080

**Components:** EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS TIRES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 300

# **Problem Description:**

Lakota Corporation (Lakota) is recalling certain 2018-2019 Lakota Bighorn, Charger, Colt and Livestock Edition trailers. The affected vehicles have incorrect tire data listed on the Federal Placard, possibly resulting in the tires being overloaded. As such, these vehicles fail to comply to with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 110 "Tire Selection and Rims," as well as 49 CFR Part 567, "Certification."

## **Consequence:**

If the vehicle is loaded to the limit provided on the label, the tires could fail, increasing the risk of a crash.

# **Remedy:**

Lakota will notify owners, and dealers will provide new placards with the correct weight capacity data listed, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 18, 2019. Owners may contact Lakota customer service 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



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Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have received Lakota's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.

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).

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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Kareem Habib Acting Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations Enforcement

