

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

April 24, 2019

Mr. Garett Carolus Keystone RV Company P.O. Box 2000 Goshen, IN 46527

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-150KL 19V-231

**Subject:** Tire may Contact Underside of Floor

Dear Mr. Carolus:

This letter serves to acknowledge Keystone RV Company'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:

DUTCHMEN/KODIAK/2018-2019

Mfr's Report Date: March 25, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-231

**Components:** 

**TIRES** 

Potential Number of Units Affected: 561

# **Problem Description:**

Keystone RV Company (Keystone) is recalling certain 2018-2019 Dutchmen Kodiak recreational trailers, models 255BHSL and 283BHSL, equipped with 15-inch tires. The tire clearance to the floor may be insufficient, allowing the tire to contact the underside of the floor, possibly resulting in tire failure.

### **Consequence:**

Tire failure can cause a loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of crash.

## Remedy:

Keystone has notified owners, and dealers will install a suspension lift kit, free of charge. The recall began on April 12, 2019. Owners may contact Keystone customer service at 1-866-425-4369. Keystone's number for this recall is 19-349.

#### **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 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 Kristin Lepper who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, or by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Kareem Habib

Acting Chief, Recall Management Division

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Office of Defects Investigations

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