



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

January 13, 2022

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

NEF-107MR
22V-005

Subject: Tire Belt Separation

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/2021-2022
LAKOTA/CHARGER/2021-2022

Mfr's Report Date: January 7, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-005

Components:

TIRES:TREAD/BELT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 100

Problem Description:

Lakota Corporation (Lakota) is recalling certain 2021-2022 Bighorn and Charger trailers equipped with certain Sailun tires, size ST235/80R16/G. Due to a manufacturing issue, the tires may experience a belt separation.

Consequence:

Belt separation could lead to loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will replace the tires, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed February 18, 2022. 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.nhtsa.gov.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

As required in Part 573.6, please amend the chronology to provide a summary of all principle dates such as when Lakota received the recall notice letter and when a safety decision was reached.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

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 eight 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.

Lakota Corporation's contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement