

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

22E-094

Manufacturer Name : Carefree Of Colorado

Submission Date : NOV 07, 2022

NHTSA Recall No. : 22E-094

Manufacturer Recall No. : NR



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Carefree Of Colorado

Address : 2145 W 6th Avenue
Broomfield CO 80020

Company phone : 800-621-2617

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 8,000

Estimated percentage with defect : 1 %

Equipment Information :

Brand / Trade 1 : Carefree of Colorado

Model : Freestyle

Part No. : 015933-002

Size : NR

Function : NR

Descriptive Information : The units affected by this notice are based on the time period of the production dates to the component in question. There are approximately 8,000 units potentially affected by the issue of concern.

Production Dates : FEB 27, 2020 - NOV 01, 2022

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : There is a potential for cracks to develop in the gearbox housing. In a fraction of a percent of units, a gearbox housing has been observed to show a crack that may develop into a fracture. As a result of such fracture, there appears to be a potential for release of the awning brake under certain in-use conditions.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : In the event of a gearbox housing crack that fully develops into a fracture, there is a potential for an unanticipated awning deployment. In that situation, there also is potential for distraction to the driver of the motor coach as well as drivers of other nearby vehicles. There also would be the potential for debris coming loose from the awning.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : N/A

Involved Components :

Component Name : NR

Component Description : NR

Component Part Number : NR

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : ICSN

Address : 521 Princeland Court
Corona California 92879

Country : United States

Chronology :

On or about August 31, 2022, an OEM notified the Company of a report of an awning deployment with a suspected crack in the gearbox housing. The Company promptly began an investigation in an attempt to replicate the occurrence. The Company initially was unable to replicate the occurrence. However, after further investigation, the Company was able to replicate the occurrence on November 1, 2022. At that time, the Company immediately initiated a stop shipment and stop production order.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : The Company is presently moving quickly to investigate potential remedies to avoid the condition from materializing in affected units and to better understand what units might be affected and under what conditions. Promptly upon concluding its investigation it intends to update NHTSA.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : See above.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : On November 1, 2022, the Company issued a stop shipment and stop production order. It will not resume shipment and production until it can correct the issue of concern in production.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : NR

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NOV 10, 2022 - NOV 14, 2022

Planned Owner Notification Date : JAN 06, 2023 - JAN 06, 2023

Purchaser Information :

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name : Winnebago Industries

Address : P.O. Box 152
Forrest City IA 50436

Country : US

Company Phone : NR

Name : Chinook Motor Coach

Address : 1482 North Eel River Cemetery Road
Peru IN 46970

Country : US

Company Phone : NR

* NR - Not Reported