

U.S. Department of Transportation

# National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

August 8, 2023

Mr. Troy Niswonger Compliance Manager Highland Ridge RV 903 South Main Street Middlebury, IN 46540 NEF-107KL 23V-548

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Missing Emergency Exit Window

Dear Mr. Niswonger:

This letter serves to acknowledge Highland Ridge RV'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:

HIGHLAND RIDGE/RANGE LITE AIR/2023-2024

Mfr's Report Date: August 3, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V-548

**Components:** 

STRUCTURE: EMERGENCY: ESCAPE/EGRESS/EXIT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 11

## **Problem Description:**

Highland Ridge RV (Highland Ridge) is recalling certain 2023-2024 Highland Ridge Range Lite Air travel trailers. The trailers may have been manufactured without a secondary emergency exit window.

# **Consequence:**

The lack of a secondary escape exit can prevent or delay occupants from exiting, increasing their risk of injury during an emergency.

### Remedy

Dealer will inspect and install an emergency egress window as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed September 8, 2023. Owners may contact Highland Ridge customer service at 1-800-283-8267. Highland Ridge's number for this recall is 9904990.

### 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 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 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

Highland Ridge RV's contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely.

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

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