

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

23V-550

Manufacturer Name : Lakota Corporation**Submission Date :** NOV 03, 2023**NHTSA Recall No. :** 23V-550**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Lakota Corporation

Address : PO Box 219

4 Stoutco Drive Bristol IN 46507

Company phone : 574-848-1636

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 65

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2020-2024 Lakota Bighorn, Charger

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style : ALL

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The recall population was determined by meeting with Lippert Components and finding the axle carrier print for triple axle BFA axle carriers was inadvertently changed to a lesser gauge steel for the main rails. Prior products had heavier gauge steel and/or are lesser weight and length trailers. 65 trailers in the US and 3 in Canada.

Production Dates : SEP 24, 2019 - JUL 12, 2023

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

☐ Not sequential**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : 11 gauge steel was used on the main rails of the BFA triple axle carrier, in stead of 7 gauge previously used.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : the carrier can break causing the horse area floor to ride on the axle carrier, causing the axles to fail and tires to fail increasing the risk of tire failure which increases the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause : Axle carrier print was inadvertently changed. We are still trying to determine how this happened. Human error is the cause.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Trailer is sitting significantly off level while sitting on level ground.

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : BFA triple axle carrier

Component Description : triple axle carrier

Component Part Number : 610215,610216

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Lippert Components

Address : 2501 Jeanwood Drive
Elkhart Indiana 46514

Country : United States

Chronology :

7/17/23, we were informed of a triple axel trailer with broken axle carrier welds. We arranged to return trailer to factory for inspection- once customer got home and could unload trailer. Prior to this trailer being returned, 7/27/23 we were informed of a triple axel trailer with axle carrier welds badly broken and made plans to have it returned. Upon return and inspection of both trailer it was determined there was problem with the carrier and invited Lippert to come inspect. After inspection 7/31/23 and research by Lippert and Lakota, engineers at both facilities discovered today 8/3/2023 that on or around 2/5/2019 there was an inadvertent change to the axle carrier print changing the main rails from 7-gauge steel to 11-gauge steel.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Remedy is being determined. Reimbursement for repairs paid by customers prior to this recall will be reimbursed. additional tube and gussets will be welded to the carrier. Powder coated steel tubes and gussets, produced by Lippert Components and purchased by Lakota Trailers will be provided at no charge.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : recall component is 11 gauge steel main rails, new component and component mfg. prior is 7 gauge steel main rails.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : We have removed triple axle 5/6 horse trailers from production schedule and will not manufacture any until Lippert is able to provide the correct 7 gauge steel main rail axle carriers.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : dealers will be informed week of 8/7/23 via email and will be mailed dealer notifications the week of 8/21/23.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : AUG 21, 2023 - AUG 25, 2023

Planned Owner Notification Date : AUG 28, 2023 - SEP 01, 2023

* NR - Not Reported