



June 21, 2007

**VIA E-MAIL  
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

Mr. George H. Person  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Office of Defects Investigation  
400 7<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. NSA-11  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Keystone RV Company  
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Person:

Keystone RV Company ("Keystone") has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the recreational vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The recall population includes the following product brands manufactured by Keystone.

<u>Product Brand</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles</u>
2007 Sprinter Fifth Wheels Production Dates: 3/27/2007 to 4/26/2007 VIN Range: 4YDF3502671533830 - 4YDF3392781530329	97
2007 Mountaineer Fifth Wheels Production Dates: 3/26/2007 to 4/23/2007 VIN Range: 4YDF329297M732855 - 4YDF345207M733099	238
2007 Big Sky Fifth Wheel Production Dates: 3/26/2007 to 4/20/2007 VIN Range: 4YDF3502X7A710105 - 4YDF360257A710163	59
2007 Montana Fifth Wheel Production Dates: 3/26/2007 to 4/19/2007 VIN Range: 4YDF3402X74704099 - 4YDF3072774704494	396

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2007 Everest Fifth Wheel Production Dates: 3/26/2007 to 4/17/2007 VIN Range: 4YDF344257E771679 - 4YDF344207E771783	105
2007 Challenger Fifth Wheel Production Dates: 3/26/2007 to 4/16/2007 VIN Range: 4YDF32S2X7E751516 - 4YDF34B277E751615	100
The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is:	995

- B. Description of Defect. The vehicles subject to this recall campaign were manufactured with 16" steel wheels that may leak at the valve stem during inflation or when checking the air pressure due to improper seating of the valve stem. Some models have aluminum wheels with a steel spare and only the spare is affected. Indication of the defect occurs when applying sideways pressure to the valve stem (such as checking the tire pressure); air will leak through the valve hole in the rim. Continuing to pull a vehicle with improperly inflated tires will result in poor vehicle handling and increased risk of property damage and a vehicle crash if the tire fails as a result of under inflation.

Supplier: Tredit Tire & Wheel 57941 Charlotte Ave, Elkhart, IN 46516  
Contact: Tim Ball, GM

Wheel Manufacturer – Enkei Wheels  
Contact: Ted Schorn, Quality Control Manager

- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. The defect was discovered while checking the air pressure on a tire. On some wheels if the valve stem is bent to the side, air would leak from the valve stem hole. After further investigation, it was determined that during the manufacturing process for boring the valve hole in the wheel, if the wheel was not positioned correctly during the boring process, a burr would be left on the inside of the wheel. This burr prevents the proper sealing of the snap-in valve stem that is typically used.
- D. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to replace the snap in valve stem with a bolt-in valve stem. The bolt-in stem produces a seal that meets the PSI rating and functions to effectively seal the valve stem in the hole.
- E. Owner Notifications. Keystone will notify the owners of the recreational vehicles by letter beginning on July 2, 2007 pending NHTSA approval. A final copy of the owner letter will also be provided to NHTSA, along with the dealer repair procedures.

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- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Keystone will be filing quarterly reports in connection with this recall campaign.
  
- G. Campaign Number. Keystone's identification code for this recall is 07-083.

If you need any additional information regarding this recall campaign, please feel free to contact me at 574-537-3925.

Sincerely,

Garett Carolus  
Keystone RV Company  
Technical Manager