



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

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Ms. AJ Yoder
Customer Service
Lakota Corporation
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NVS-215JN
13V-419

Subject: Interior Side Door Lock May Become Inoperable

Dear Ms. Yoder:

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/3HSLBP/2007
LAKOTA/4HSLGN6/2007

Mfr's Report Date: September 10, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-419

Components:

LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2

Problem Description:

Lakota is recalling one model year 2007 3HSLBP and one model year 4HSLGN6 travel trailer, each equipped with a Fastec-brand door lock. It may be possible to remove the key from the lock in a way that potentially jams the deadbolt.

Consequence:

If the deadbolt jams, the interior side of the door lock may also jam. A person inside the travel trailer at the time will then be locked in and be unable to exit the vehicle without using the emergency exit, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Lakota will notify owners, and Fastec will coordinate the inspection and replacement of the cylinders, as needed, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by mid-October 2013. Owners may contact Lakota at 1-574-848-1636 or Fastec at 1-800-837-2505. Lakota's recall number is EQ 13-006.

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.safercar.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. It is expected that owners will be sent a letter, on the manufacturer's letterhead, informing them of the safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

We have been informed that Fastec will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer Lakota is ultimately responsible for conducting an adequate safety recall campaign of its vehicles. Accordingly if this safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require Lakota to conduct a follow-up notification and conduct additional quarterly reporting.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements take effect as early as October 2013. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

Your contact for this recall will be Joshua Neff who may be reached by phone at 202-366-0698, or by email at joshua.neff@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement