

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

June 12, 2019

Mr. Brian Jarzen Compliance Manager LDJ Manufacturing, Inc. 1833 IA-163 Pella, IA 50219

Subject: Loose Wheel Lug Nuts

Dear Mr. Jarzen:

This letter serves to acknowledge LDJ Manufacturing, Inc.'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.

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

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19V-364

### Makes/Models/Model Years:

THUNDER CREEK/EV/2019 THUNDER CREEK/FST/2019 THUNDER CREEK/MTT/2019 THUNDER CREEK/SLT/2019

Mfr's Report Date: May 13, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-364

# **Components:**

WHEELS:LUGS/NUTS/BOLTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 62

## **Problem Description:**

LDJ Manufacturing, Inc. (LDJ Manufacturing) is recalling certain 2019 Thundercreek SLT 460, SLT 660, SLT 880, MTT 690, MTT 920, FST 750, FST 990, and EV 990 trailers. The wheel lugs nuts may loosen, possibly resulting in a wheel separating from the trailer.

### **Consequence:**

A wheel separation can increase the risk of a crash.

### Remedy:

LDJ Manufacturing has notified owners and dealers will ensure that the lug nuts are torqued to the correct specifications, free of charge. The recall began May 21, 2019. Owners may contact LDJ customer service at 1-641-620-4034.

# **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.



NHTSA is missing critical, required information for this safety recall. This information must be supplied through the NHTSA Recalls Portal within 5 working days of confirming its accuracy:

- The total number of products potentially containing the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(3)).
- The percentage of products estimated to contain the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(4)).
- A statement that the defect or noncompliance can cause a vehicle crash without prior warning; or a description of whatever prior warning may occur, and a statement that if this warning is not heeded, a vehicle crash can occur (49 CFR 577.5 (f)(1)).
- A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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 Part 573.7, submission of the first of six 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.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Joshua Neff

Acting Chief, Recall Management Division

Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

