

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 21V-820

**Manufacturer Name :** Triple E Recreational Vehicles

**Submission Date :** OCT 28, 2021

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 21V-820

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** CA#8721-1



### Manufacturer Information :

**Manufacturer Name :** Triple E Recreational Vehicles

**Address :** PO Box 1230 Winkler MB

Canada 00 R6W 4C4

**Company phone :** 204-325-4361

### Population :

**Number of potentially involved :** 2,056

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 100 %

### Vehicle Alterer Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2015-2015 Free Spirit FS22

**Descriptive Information :** AN INHOUSE AUDIT WAS PERFORMED ON PROCESSES AND IT WAS NOTED THAT HEAT DEFLECTORS WERE NOT INSTALLED ON THE WOOD FRAMING IN THE FRIDGE CABINET FOR THE RMD8555 FRIDGE INSTALLED. THE PROCESS WAS UPDATED AND A HEAT DEFLECTOR WAS INSTALLED ON LATER UNITS. UNITS AFFECTED - 24

**Production Dates :** JUL 18, 2014 - DEC 15, 2017

**Vehicle 2 :** 2015-2015 Free Spirit FS22SS

**Descriptive Information :** AN INHOUSE AUDIT WAS PERFORMED ON PROCESSES AND IT WAS NOTED THAT HEAT DEFLECTORS WERE NOT INSTALLED ON THE WOOD FRAMING IN THE FRIDGE CABINET FOR THE RMD8555 FRIDGE INSTALLED. THE PROCESS WAS UPDATED AND A HEAT DEFLECTOR WAS INSTALLED ON LATER UNITS. UNITS AFFECTED - 45

**Production Dates :** JUL 08, 2014 - DEC 15, 2017

**Vehicle 3 :** 2015-2016 LIBERO L24CB

**Descriptive Information :** AN INHOUSE AUDIT WAS PERFORMED ON PROCESSES AND IT WAS NOTED THAT HEAT DEFLECTORS WERE NOT INSTALLED ON THE WOOD FRAMING IN THE FRIDGE CABINET FOR THE RMD8555 FRIDGE INSTALLED. THE PROCESS WAS UPDATED AND A HEAT DEFLECTOR WAS INSTALLED ON LATER UNITS. UNITS AFFECTED - 25

**Production Dates :** JUL 08, 2014 - MAY 10, 2016

**Vehicle 4 :** 2015-2018 SERENITY S24CB

**Descriptive Information :** AN INHOUSE AUDIT WAS PERFORMED ON PROCESSES AND IT WAS NOTED THAT HEAT DEFLECTORS WERE NOT INSTALLED ON THE WOOD FRAMING IN THE FRIDGE CABINET FOR THE RMD8555 FRIDGE INSTALLED. THE PROCESS WAS UPDATED AND A HEAT DEFLECTOR WAS INSTALLED ON LATER UNITS. UNITS AFFECTED - 261

**Production Dates :** JUL 08, 2014 - DEC 31, 2017

**Vehicle 5 :** 2015-2018 UNITY U24MB

**Descriptive Information :** AN INHOUSE AUDIT WAS PERFORMED ON PROCESSES AND IT WAS NOTED THAT HEAT DEFLECTORS WERE NOT INSTALLED ON THE WOOD FRAMING IN THE FRIDGE CABINET FOR THE RMD8555 FRIDGE INSTALLED. THE PROCESS WAS UPDATED AND A HEAT DEFLECTOR WAS INSTALLED ON LATER UNITS. UNITS AFFECTED - 673

**Production Dates :** JUL 08, 2014 - DEC 15, 2017

**Vehicle 6 :** 2015-2018 UNITY U24CB

**Descriptive Information :** AN INHOUSE AUDIT WAS PERFORMED ON PROCESSES AND IT WAS NOTED THAT HEAT DEFLECTORS WERE NOT INSTALLED ON THE WOOD FRAMING IN THE FRIDGE CABINET FOR THE RMD8555 FRIDGE INSTALLED. THE PROCESS WAS UPDATED AND A HEAT DEFLECTOR WAS INSTALLED ON LATER UNITS. UNITS AFFECTED - 132

**Production Dates :** JUL 08, 2014 - DEC 15, 2017

**Vehicle 7 :** 2015-2018 UNITY U24FX

**Descriptive Information :** AN INHOUSE AUDIT WAS PERFORMED ON PROCESSES AND IT WAS NOTED THAT HEAT DEFLECTORS WERE NOT INSTALLED ON THE WOOD FRAMING IN THE FRIDGE CABINET FOR THE RMD8555 FRIDGE INSTALLED. THE PROCESS WAS UPDATED AND A HEAT DEFLECTOR WAS INSTALLED ON LATER UNITS. UNITS AFFECTED - 197

**Production Dates :** JUL 08, 2014 - DEC 15, 2017

**Vehicle 8 :** 2015-2018 UNITY U24IB

**Descriptive Information :** AN INHOUSE AUDIT WAS PERFORMED ON PROCESSES AND IT WAS NOTED THAT HEAT DEFLECTORS WERE NOT INSTALLED ON THE WOOD FRAMING IN THE FRIDGE CABINET FOR THE RMD8555 FRIDGE INSTALLED. THE PROCESS WAS UPDATED AND A HEAT DEFLECTOR WAS INSTALLED ON LATER UNITS. UNITS AFFECTED - 159

**Production Dates :** JUL 18, 2014 - DEC 15, 2017

Vehicle 9 : 2015-2018 UNITY U24TB

Descriptive Information : AN INHOUSE AUDIT WAS PERFORMED ON PROCESSES AND IT WAS NOTED THAT HEAT DEFLECTORS WERE NOT INSTALLED ON THE WOOD FRAMING IN THE FRIDGE CABINET FOR THE RMD8555 FRIDGE INSTALLED. THE PROCESS WAS UPDATED AND A HEAT DEFLECTOR WAS INSTALLED ON LATER UNITS. UNITS AFFECTED - 469

Production Dates : JUL 18, 2014 - DEC 15, 2017

Vehicle 10 : 2016-2018 WONDER W24MB

Descriptive Information : AN INHOUSE AUDIT WAS PERFORMED ON PROCESSES AND IT WAS NOTED THAT HEAT DEFLECTORS WERE NOT INSTALLED ON THE WOOD FRAMING IN THE FRIDGE CABINET FOR THE RMD8555 FRIDGE INSTALLED. THE PROCESS WAS UPDATED AND A HEAT DEFLECTOR WAS INSTALLED ON LATER UNITS. UNITS AFFECTED - 66

Production Dates : DEC 15, 2015 - DEC 15, 2017

Vehicle 11 : 2018-2018 WONDER W24TB

Descriptive Information : AN INHOUSE AUDIT WAS PERFORMED ON PROCESSES AND IT WAS NOTED THAT HEAT DEFLECTORS WERE NOT INSTALLED ON THE WOOD FRAMING IN THE FRIDGE CABINET FOR THE RMD8555 FRIDGE INSTALLED. THE PROCESS WAS UPDATED AND A HEAT DEFLECTOR WAS INSTALLED ON LATER UNITS. UNITS AFFECTED - 5

Production Dates : OCT 29, 2017 - DEC 15, 2017

### Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : ON THE RMD8555 TWO DOOR FRIDGE, THE EXHAUST IS DISCOLORING THE WOOD FRAMES AT THE REAR OF THE FRIDGE WHEN THE FRIDGE IS ON GAS/ LP OPERATION.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : IN THE EVENT THE FRIDGE WOULD EXHAUST FOR TOO LONG, THERE WOULD BE A POSSIBILITY THE WOOD FRAME COULD IGNITE AND CAUSE A FIRE AND BODILY INJURY.

Description of the Cause : THERE ARE NO HEAT DEFLECTORS INSTALLED ON THE WOOD FRAMES AT THE REAR OF THE FRIDGE.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : THE WOOD FRAME WOULD SHOW SIGNS OF DISCOLORATION.

### Involved Components :

Component Name : METAL HEAT DEFLECTOR

Component Description : METAL HEAT DEFLECTOR - 22 GAUGE GALVANIZED

Component Part Number : KIT #0158-874

### Supplier Identification :

#### Component Manufacturer

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

### Chronology :

ON AUGUST 16/2021, A RETAIL OWNER CONTACTED THE CUSTOMER SERVICE AND WARRANTY INDICATING THAT THEY NOTICED WHEN THEY OPENED THE UPPER FRIDGE VENT THE WOOD FRAME AND WOOD SURFACES HAD SOME DISCOLORATION DUE TO THE HEAT FROM THE EXHAUST. IT WAS NOTICED AT THAT TIME THAT THERE WAS NO METAL HEAT DEFLECTOR INSTALLED ON THE WOOD SURFACES TO PROTECT FROM HEAT. THERE ARE NO WARRANTY CLAIMS, SERVICE REPORTS OR DEATH / INJURY REPORTS TO PROVIDE. THE ABOVE IS THE ONLY REPORT RECEIVED .

### Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : DEALERS WITH INVENTORY AND RETAIL OWNERS WILL BE SENT A LETTER AND REQUESTED TO ORDER THE FRIDGE RECALL KIT (PART #0158-874 - 2 HEAT DEFLECTORS & SCREWS) AND WILL RECEIVE AN SOP (STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE) TO COMPLETE THE RECALL. THEY WILL BE ADVISED TO CONTACT THEIR SELLING DEALER OR AN RV SERVICE CENTER TO HAVE THE RECALL KIT INSTALLED. THE RV SERVICE CENTER OR RETAIL OWNER WILL BE PAID DIRECTLY BY TRIPLE E RV. AN RV SERVICE CENTER OR RETAIL OWNER WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR COSTS INCURRED FOR REPAIRS PRIOR TO THE NOTIFICATION.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : TWO METAL HEAT DEFLECTORS WILL BE INSTALLED ON THE WOOD FRAMES IN THE FRIDGE CABINET. ONE ON THE LOWER PANEL AND ONE ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE FRAME WHICH RUNS UP AND DOWN.

**Identify How/When Recall Condition  
was Corrected in Production :**

ON AUGUST 19/2021 THE INFORMATION WAS PROVIDE TO THE RESEARCH & DEVELOPEMENT TEAM AND WAS DECIDED THAT METAL HEAT DEFLECTORS SHOULD BE INSTALLED ON THE WOOD FRAME & WOOD CABINETRY/BAFFLE. A STANDARDIZED INSTALLATION PROCESS WAS NOT IN PLACE AT THE TIME THESE UNITS WERE MANUFACTURED FOR THE 2015, 2016, 2017 & EARLY 2018 MODEL YEARS. THIS PROCESS HAS SINCE BEEN UPDATED ON LATE 2018 TO CURRENT MODEL YEARS. ON CURRENT MODEL YEAR 2021 & 2022 WE DO NOT USE THIS MODEL OF FRIDGE.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : NOTIFICATION TO THE DEALERS & RETAIL OWNERS IS EXPECTED TO OCCUR LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER /2021.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : OCT 27, 2021 - NOV 10, 2021

Planned Owner Notification Date : OCT 27, 2021 - NOV 15, 2021

**Purchaser Information :**

The following manufacturers purchased this defective/noncompliant equipment for possible use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment:

Name :

Address :

Country :

Company Phone :

\* NR - Not Reported