



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

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Ms. Pamela VanderMel
Director of Warranty
Lippert
1701 Century Drive
Goshen, IN 46528

NEF-107KL
22E-055

Subject: Awning Fabric May Detach Causing Awning to Drop

Dear Ms. VanderMel:

This letter serves to acknowledge Lippert'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:

LIPPERT/RETRACTABLE AWNING/9999

Mfr's Report Date: July 5, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22E-055

Components:

EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE/TRAILER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 73,230

Problem Description:

Lippert is recalling certain Electric Retractable Awnings, up to 18 feet in length. The welded seam on the fabric may separate, potentially allowing the awning to drop beyond normal operation.

Consequence:

An awning that drops or extends beyond normal operation can increase the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Lippert will provide inspection instructions and replacement awnings to vehicle manufacturers, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed by August 25, 2022. Owners may contact Lippert customer service at 1-574-538-4514. Lippert's number for this recall is 058-001-2022.

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 ensure the following requirements are met:

Per the requirements of 49 USC 30119, please provide the part number, name and description of the component or components involved in this recall. This information should be provided in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

In the case of items of motor vehicle equipment, the manufacturer of the equipment shall identify by name, business address, and business telephone number every manufacturer that purchases the defective or noncomplying component for use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(2)(v)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

We have received Lippert's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), 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 eight 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.

Lippert's contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement