

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

June 2, 2022

Karl Kenny Escape Trailer 43851 Industrial Way Chilliwack 12345 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-107KL 22V-388

Subject: Gas Valves May Fracture Causing Gas Leak

Dear Karl Kenny:

This letter serves to acknowledge Escape Trailer'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:

ESCAPE RV/ESCAPE 17/2018-2021 ESCAPE RV/ESCAPE 19/2018-2021 ESCAPE RV/ESCAPE 21/2018-2021 ESCAPE RV/ESCAPE 5.0TA/2018-2021

Mfr's Report Date: May 30, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-388

Components:

EQUIPMENT: APPLIANCE: OVEN/STOVE/COOKTOP

Potential Number of Units Affected: 880

Problem Description:

Escape Trailer (Escape Trailer) is recalling certain 2018-2021 Escape 17, 19, 21, and 5.0TA travel trailers, equipped with certain SDS2 2-Burner Drop-in Cooktops. The internal aluminum burner tubes connecting the gas valves to the cook top burners can fracture from excessive vibration or shock, causing a gas leak.

Consequence:

A gas leak in the presence of an ignition source can increase the risk of a fire.

Remedy

Dealers will replace the cooktop, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed June 15, 2022. Owners may contact Escape Trailers customer service at 1-604-703-1650.

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.nhtsa.gov.



Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify dealers and/or distributors regarding this safety recall. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefor, and furnish a revised estimate. If your company does not have dealers or distributors, please state so in the 573 (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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.

Escape Trailer'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

