



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

August 24, 2023

Mr. Scott Mavis
Outfitter Manufacturing
4002 N Valley Dr
Mead, CO 80504

NEF-107KL
23E-062

Subject: Cooktop Gas Valves May Fracture Causing Gas Leak

Dear Mr. Mavis:

This letter serves to acknowledge Outfitter Manufacturing'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:

OUTFITTER MANUFACTURING/APEX 8/2021-2022
OUTFITTER MANUFACTURING/CARIBOU 6.5/2021-2022
OUTFITTER MANUFACTURING/CARIBOU LITE 6.5/2021-2022
OUTFITTER MANUFACTURING/CARIBOU LITE 8/2021-2022
OUTFITTER MANUFACTURING/CARIBOU LITE 8.5/2022

Mfr's Report Date: August 21, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23E-062

Components:

EQUIPMENT:APPLIANCE:OVEN/STOVE/COOKTOP

Potential Number of Units Affected: 78

Problem Description:

Outfitter Manufacturing (Outfitter) is recalling certain 2021-2022 Caribou Lite 6.5, Caribou Lite 8, Caribou 6.5, Apex 8, 2021 Apex 8 LB, and 2022 Caribou Lite 8.5 truck campers, equipped with certain SDS2 2-Burner Drop-in Cooktops. The internal aluminum burner tubes that connect to the gas valves may fracture and cause a gas leak.

Consequence:

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

Remedy:

Dealers will install a regulator support bracket, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a schedule for recall notification. Owners may contact Outfitter Customer Service at 1-970-535-9421. Owners may also contact Suburban Customer Service at 1-423-775-2131, Ext 7101.

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.

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify owners regarding this safety recall. Please be reminded that all owners must be notified of the safety risk associated with this filing within 60 days of the 573 being submitted. If the remedy is not available at that time, mail the interim notice, following it with a second notice once the remedy becomes available. 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 there are no owners involved in this recall, 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 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

Outfitter Manufacturing'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