



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Traci Deyoung  
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NEF-107KL  
23E-096

**Subject:** Awning May Extend Unintentionally

Dear Mr. Deyoung:

This letter serves to acknowledge Carefree Of Colorado'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:**

CAREFREE/CAREFREE/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 21, 2023

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 23E-096

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 8,115

**Problem Description:**

Carefree Of Colorado (Carefree) is recalling certain Freestyle Gearbox Housing part number: 015933-001. The gearbox may develop cracks, causing the awning to extend unintentionally.

**Consequence:**

An awning extending unintentionally during transit may become a distraction or road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Carefree will provide additional support for the internal components of the Gearbox Housing, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed February 6, 2024. Owners may contact Carefree customer service at 1-800-621-2617. This recall is an expansion of NHTSA recall number 22E-094.

**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](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

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.

Carefree Of Colorado's contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at [kristin.lepper@dot.gov](mailto:kristin.lepper@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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