

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

23V-077

Manufacturer Name : Lakota Corporation**Submission Date :** FEB 21, 2023**NHTSA Recall No. :** 23V-077**Manufacturer Recall No. :** Trey Ceiling**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Lakota Corporation

Address : PO Box 219

4 Stoutco Drive Bristol IN 46507

Company phone : 574-848-1636

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 445

Estimated percentage with defect : 99 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2019-2023 Lakota Bighorn

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : On 2/8/2023 a customer reported the trey ceiling portion of the ceiling in the gooseneck over their bed had fallen. After investigating and speaking with production staff it was determined when we began installing trey ceilings in 2017 they were pin nailed and screwed into place. In October 2018 an employee used pin nails and glue and failed to include screws in installation process. The recalled trailers do not have screws included in the installation process. We are currently working to determine the number of trailers affected. We will provide that number as soon as possible.

Production Dates : OCT 05, 2018 - NOV 02, 2022

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

☐ Not sequential**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : The trey ceiling in the ceiling above the bed in the gooseneck of Bighorns may not include screws and may come free.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The trey ceiling above the bed in Bighorns may come free and fall causing injury.

Description of the Cause : Failure to use screws in the installation process.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : The trey ceiling may appear loose.

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : trey ceiling

Component Description : wood, luan, wood trims

Component Part Number : GP

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

A customer reported his trey ceiling had fallen in his Bighorn on 2/8/2023. After investigating, speaking to production personnel, and examining the photo the customer provided, it was found that the install process had been changed and did not include screws between October 2018 and November 2022. The lack of screws poses a safety risk and Lakota wants screws added to the trey ceilings in all trailers that do not have them.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : Lakota will provide repair instructions and pay to have screws installed in the trey ceiling at no charge to the customer. 4 inch screws and matching wood buttons will be shipped at no charge for install into the trey ceiling. If a customer has already had this repair completed, Lakota will reimburse them for the costs incurred for this correction.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Installing screws into the trey ceiling will prevent it from coming free and falling.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Trey ceilings were introduced in 2017 and were pin nailed and screwed into place. In October 2018 the installation location on the production line was moved and changed and the trey ceiling was installed using glue and pin nails and not screws. The cabinet shop group leader changed the process in November 2022 when he found one trey ceiling was not fitting correct, so he added the screws back into the process in addition to the pin nails and glue.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : We will prepare instructions, letters, and envelopes for NHTSA approval as soon as possible.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : FEB 20, 2023 - FEB 24, 2023

Planned Owner Notification Date : FEB 27, 2023 - MAR 03, 2023

* NR - Not Reported