



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

August 23, 2011

MR. JAMES GORDON  
WARRANTY DEPARTMENT  
SNAKE RIVER TRAILER COMPANY  
1508 E CHICAGO STREET  
CALDWELL, ID 83605

NVS-215kjs  
11V-417

**SUBJECT: REAR GATE LATCH**

**DEAR MR. GORDON:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Snake River Trailer Company's (Snake River) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles 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:**  
SRTC/TRAILER/2010-2011

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 11V-417      **Mfg's Report Date:** July 27, 2011

**Components:** LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES:HATCHBACK/LIFTGATE:LOCK

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 13

**Summary:**

SNAKE RIVER TRAILER COMPANY IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 AND 2011 SRTC LIVESTOCK TRAILERS MANUFACTURED FROM MAY 26, 2010, THROUGH FEBRUARY 24, 2011 AND BUILT WITH AN AUTOMATICALLY LATCHING REAR GATE. THESE TRAILERS ARE EQUIPPED WITH A GATE LATCH RELEASE HANDLE LOCATED ON THE OUTSIDE, TO BE REACHED THROUGH A WINDOW WHILE INSIDE THE TRAILER SHOULD THE GATE BECOME CLOSED. DUE TO FACTORS SUCH AS ARM LENGTH, SOME USERS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO REACH THE OUTSIDE HANDLE ONCE INSIDE.

**Consequence:**

PERSONAL INJURY CAN OCCUR SHOULD SOMEONE BECOME TRAPPED WITHIN THE TRAILER.

**Remedy:**

SNAKE RIVER WILL CONTACT OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL INSTALL A HANDLE THAT IS ACCESSIBLE FROM INSIDE THE TRAILER. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING AUGUST 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT SNAKE RIVER AT 1-208-455-2768.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Snake River'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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5227, by email at [Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



Ric Willard  
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement