



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

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PJ TRAILERS
1807 FM 2352
SUMNER, TX 75486

NVS-215kjs
11V-509

SUBJECT: AXLE EQUALIZER FAILURE

DEAR MR. COOK:

This letter serves to acknowledge PJ Trailers' 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:

PJ TRAILERS/DD/2011
PJ TRAILERS/FD/2011
PJ TRAILERS/FY/2011
PJ TRAILERS/LD/2011
PJ TRAILERS/LY/2011
PJ TRAILERS/TD/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-509 **Mfg's Report Date:** October 17, 2011

Components: POWER TRAIN:AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,917

Summary:

PJ TRAILERS IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 FLATBED TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH A 15 3/4" OR A 21 3/4" EQUALIZER FOR 10K/12K SPRING AXLES. THE WELDS ON THE TOP OF THE EQUALIZER THAT HOLD THE BUSHING THROUGH WHICH THE EQUALIZER BOLTS TO THE TRAILER WERE NOT PROPERLY WELDED AND CAN FAIL CAUSING THE AXLE TO DETACH FROM THE TRAILER.

Consequence:

AXLE DETACHMENT COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

PJ TRAILER WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND REPAIR THE TRAILERS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING NOVEMBER 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT PJ TRAILERS AT 1-903-669-0213.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO 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).

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).

PJ Trailers must file a sample of the envelope which you intend to use to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY", "RECALL", "NOTICE" in any order must be printed on the envelope in larger font than the customer's name and address.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Willard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

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