

Snake River Trailer Company

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NHTSA Recall Dept.

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to you to bring you to the knowledge of an issue with one of our trailer models. Our company has been brought to the awareness of an issue with one of our trailer models that we want to submit for recall status.

The issue lies on a small grouping of stock trailers (trailers intended for livestock transport), in both the bumper pull, and gooseneck variety, with the rear gate of said trailers. The gate design of said trailers was developed to close in a fashion that doesn't require the operator to maneuver any type of handle or catch, latching upon the closing of the gate/door (similar to a car/truck door when pushed closed).


Said stock trailers have a release located on the outside, driver side, wall accessible from within the trailer, through the openings in the side walls. It has come to our awareness that some people are not able to operate the exterior release handle from within the trailer, through the openings in the sides of the trailer walls, due to misc factors (e.g. arm length). We believe that some users within said trailers, would not be able to open the rear gate/door once closed and inside.

We have developed a measure to be taken to remedy said defect and have already started forwarding it to our dealer network in which the trailers were sold. As well, we are developing the recall letter for the owners, as well as the cover letter, as per your regulations NHTSA 49 CFR ^557.5 (I.E. cover letter words of "SAFETY," "RECALL," & "NOTICE," as well as all the required statements of description and measures/repairs).

Our company is also putting together a list of all the trailers in accordance to their VIN, dealer through which it was distributed, and if sold, the owner. This list will be attached in accordance to your requirements.

We would like to point out the fact that said defect does not pose a danger to owners/users pulling said trailers in proper legal use, or to other motorists. The defect only affects operation of the rear door and the correlation to where the user is located (i.e. inside the trailer).

Respectfully,

  
James Gordon  
SRTC-Warranty Dept.

TRACK#	VIN#	DATE BUILT	SHIP DATE	DEALER	MODEL	REAR DOOR	PURCHASER	Country
ST-103	14335	5/26/2010	6/3/2010	MAGNUM	STOCK6614	COMBO	K. GREY ALEXANDER	Canada
ST-124	14520	8/3/2010	8/11/2010	MAGNUM	STOCK6616	COMBO		Canada
ST-190	14705	2/24/2011	3/1/2011	REESE TRAILER	GNSTOCK7X14	COMBO		
ST-118	14737	7/29/2010	10/1/2010	VALLEY FARM	STOCK8616	COMBO	DOUGLAS M NILSEN	
ST-137	14741	9/20/2010	10/8/2010	MATT SPRINGS	GNSTOCK7X20	COMBO		
ST-130	14748	9/29/2010	10/19/2010	REESE TRAILER	GNSTOCK7X24	COMBO	STEPHEN MCDERMOTT	
ST-136	14754	9/17/2010	11/22/2010	KMR	GNSTOCK7X20	COMBO		
ST-133	14759	9/27/2010	10/29/2010	KMR	GNSTOCK7X24	COMBO	MICHAEL ALLEY	
ST-156	15140	12/13/2010	2/26/2011	DON JOHNSON	GNSTOCK7X24	COMBO		
ST-165	15142	12/7/2010	2/28/2011	DON JOHNSON	GNSTOCK7X24	COMBO	CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE UMATILLA	
ST-157	15149	12/2/2010	12/28/2010	MAGNUM	GNSTOCK7X20	COMBO		Canada
ST-146	15150	10/6/2010	12/29/2010	MAGNUM	STOCK6616	COMBO	JAMES LAMB	Canada
ST-139	15151	10/4/2010	1/13/2011	GLENDALE AGRA	STOCK6614	COMBO	RAYMOND BLOCK	Canada
ST-133	15163	11/1/2010	1/23/2011	DON JOHNSON	GNSTOCK7X16	COMBO	GARY ALLISON	
ST-166	15177	12/17/2010	2/7/2011	MAGNUM	STOCK6612	COMBO	BETTER NOW VENTURES	Canada
ST-182	15180	1/20/2011	3/3/2011	DON JOHNSON	GNSTOCK7X20	COMBO		
ST-163	15492	12/6/2010	3/21/2011	FRIESEN	GNSTOCK7X20	COMBO		
ST-183	15498	1/21/2011	3/24/2011	FRIESEN	GNSTOCK7X20	COMBO		
ST-155	15584	12/9/2010	4/8/2011	KMR	GNSTOCK7X24	COMBO	CRAIG CLAVER	
ST-188	15877	12/28/2010	6/3/2011	REESE TRAILER	GNSTOCK7X20	COMBO	WILSON THOMAS	
VIN NUMBERS		1543				20 AFFECTED Total		Total in Canada 7
						Total in US 13		Total affected 6