



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Kevin Backovich  
CEO  
CALIFORNIA TRAILER WORKS, INC.  
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Sacramento, CA 95828

NVS-215ET  
12V-385

**Subject:** Wheel Separation

Dear Mr. Backovich:

This letter serves to acknowledge CALIFORNIA TRAILER WORKS, INC.'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:**

CTW/MASTERCRAFT 280V/2012  
CTW/MOOMBA LSV/2012  
CTW/TIGE RZ-2/2011-2012  
CTW/TIGE RZ-4/2011  
CTW/TIGE RZR/2011-2012  
CTW/TIGE Z-3/2012

**Mfr's Report Date:** August 3, 2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-385

**Components:**

WHEELS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 12

**Problem Description:**

California Trailer Works, Inc. (CTW) is recalling certain model year 2011-2012 boat trailers equipped with Carlisle Transport Products brand wheels installed as original equipment. These wheels were manufactured with machine dimensions for the application of a center cap and the application of steel lug inserts that were not controlled to the required specifications. As a result, the wheel may not be tightened to the proper torque during the mounting process.

**Consequence:**

If the wheels are not tightened to the proper torque, the wheels could loosen, leading to wheel separation, possibly resulting in a vehicle crash. A detached wheel also becomes a road hazard.

**Remedy:**

CTW will notify owners, and dealers will repair or replace affected wheels free of charge. CTW has not provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact California Trailer Works, Inc. at 1-916-381-7619.

**Notes:**

Owners 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 [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received your 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:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six 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.

Your contact for this recall will be Edison Thompson who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at [edison.thompson@dot.gov](mailto:edison.thompson@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement