



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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NVS-215ET  
12V-446

**Subject:** Insufficient GVWR

Dear Mr. Maples:

This letter serves to acknowledge TRACKER MARINE L.L.C.'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:**

TRACKER MARINE/MAKO 18 LTS/2010-2013

**Mfr's Report Date:** September 7, 2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-446

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 614

**Problem Description:**

Tracker Marine is recalling certain model year 2010-2013 Mako 18 LTS boat and trailer packages consisting of Mako LTS boats and 2009-2012 EZ Loader-brand AB 18-20 trailers, manufactured from January 8, 2009, through June 6, 2011. The trailers may not have sufficient load carrying capacity to carry the boats which they were intended to transport. Thus, the trailers may be overloaded and fail to comply with the requirements of Part 567, "Certification."

**Consequence:**

Trailer overloading may cause axle or tire failure, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Tracker Marine will notify owners, and dealers will remedy the trailers, free of charge. The remedy will depend on the particular boat and trailer combination, but may include replacement of axle assemblies, installation of brakes and/or replacement of wheels and tires. The safety recall is expected to begin in September 2012. Owners may contact Tracker Marine at 417-873-4588.

**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>.

We have received Tracker Marine'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.

The information in your report suggests that Tracker Marine may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to notify each person registered under State law as the owner of a recalled trailer according to State records. Reliance on warranty records that may be several years old is not adequate.

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 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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