

April 30, 2012

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

Dear Merritt Trailer Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Davis Equipment Corporation has decided that the Merritt Conveyor Trailer fails to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 224 which concerns the area of rear impact protection. The conveyor belt on these trailers extends out the rear of the trailer in the rear impact zone of the back wheels and does not meet the requirements for rear impact protection. If a rear impact occurred, it is possible that the following vehicle would impact the conveyor before impacting the trailer's bumper, possibly resulting in serious injury or death.

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- Your Merritt Conveyor Trailer is being recalled.
- You should call Mike Carder at 1-800-747-8300 to schedule a time to bring your trailer to our Johnston, IA shop for the modification.

Why is a recall being conducted? With the conveyor extending out the rear of the trailer the rear impact zone is obstructed not allowing for 75" of vertical clearance to comply with FMVSS No. 224.

What are we doing about the problem? A 40" rear bumper extension will be install on the trailer to provide the rear impact protection.

What should you do? Please call Mike Carder at 1-800-747-8300 to schedule a time to bring your trailer to our Johnston, IA shop to have the modification done free of charge to you.

What if you no longer own this trailer? Please call Mike Carder at 1-800-747-8300 with the name and information of the new owner.

Who should you contact if you have further questions or concerns? If you have any questions concerning this recall please contact Joe Funkhouser at 1-800-747-8300 and he will answer them.

If you are the lessor of this vehicle, please forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days to comply with federal regulations.

If you have already paid to have your Merritt Conveyor Trailer repaired for this condition, you may be eligible for reimbursement of the charges you paid for the repair or replacement, as applicable. To learn more about what you need to do to obtain reimbursement, please call Joe Funkhouser at 1-800-747-8300.

If after attempting to have your vehicle repaired you believe you have not been able to have your vehicle remedied without charge and within a reasonable amount of time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C., 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this safety recall may cause, but your safety is our first concern.

Sincerely,

Davis Equipment Corporation

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