



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

March 29, 2013

Mr. Jeff Swartz
President
Hitch-Hiker Mfg., Inc.
10065 Rapp Road
New Middletown, OH 44442

NVS-215JN
13V-107

Subject: Trailer Axle may Fail

Dear Mr. Swartz:

This letter serves to acknowledge Hitch-Hiker Mfg., 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:
HITCH-HIKER/FOOD CONCESSION TRAILER/2008-2011

Mfr's Report Date: March 22, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-107

Components:
SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:NON-POWERED AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 33

Problem Description:
Hitch-Hiker Mfg., Inc. (Hitch Hiker) is recalling certain model year 2008-2011 food concession trailers equipped with GKN brand axles. In the affected trailers, the axle may break allowing the arm, spindle, hub, wheel and tire to separate.

Consequence:
If the trailer is being towed and the axle breaks it may increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:
Hitch-Hiker will notify owners and replace the axles. The recall is scheduled to begin in April 2013. Owners may contact Hitch-Hiker at 1-330-542-3052.

Notes:
Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

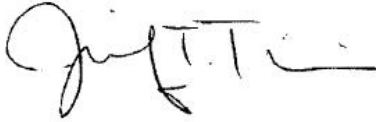
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification 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).

Hitch-Hiker must submit a sample of the envelope in which you intend to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY," "RECALL," and "NOTICE," in any order, must be printed on the envelope in all capital letters, in a type larger than that used in the address section, and in a manner distinguishable from the other type in a manner other than size (for example, in a different font or color).

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 Joshua Neff who may be reached by phone at 202-366-0698, or by email at joshua.neff@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement