



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

March 7, 2014

Mr. Jeff Reed
President
R&M Trailer Manufacturing, Inc.
8901 Wyoming Street
Omaha, NE 68122

NVS-215KS
14V-072

Subject: Interior Side Door Lock May Become Inoperable

Dear Mr. Reed:

This letter serves to acknowledge R&M Trailer Manufacturing, 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:

R&M TRAILER/6X12 ENCLOSED CARGO/2012-2013
R&M TRAILER/7X16 ENCLOSED CARGO/2012-2013

Mfr's Report Date: February 11, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-072

Components:

LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 185

Problem Description:

R&M Trailer Manufacturing Inc., (R&M Trailer) is recalling certain model year 2012-2013 enclosed cargo trailers manufactured February 2012 through August 2013 and equipped with Fastec-brand door locks. It may be possible to remove the key from the lock in a way that potentially jams the deadbolt.

Consequence:

If the deadbolt jams, the interior side of the door lock may also jam. A person inside the trailer at the time will then be locked in and be unable to exit the vehicle, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

R&M Trailer will notify owners, and Fastec will coordinate the inspection and replacement of the cylinders, as needed, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by mid-April 2014. Owners may contact R&M Trailer at 1-402-415-7530 or Fastec at 1-800-837-2505.

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:

It is expected that owners will be sent a letter, on the manufacturer's letterhead, informing them of the safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles. Please submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers.

R&M Trailer 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). The envelope must also include a DOT/NHTSA label which can be found at: http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers/New_Recall_Label

We have been informed that Fastec will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer, R&M Trailer is ultimately responsible for conducting an adequate safety recall campaign of its vehicles. Accordingly, if this safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require R&M Trailer to conduct a follow-up notification and conduct additional quarterly reporting.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements are already in effect. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@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