

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****14V-761****Manufacturer Name :** Heil Company**Submission Date :** NOV 28,2014**NHTSA Recall No. :** 14V-761**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Heil Company

Address : 1125 Congress Parkway N  
Athens TN 37303

Company phone : 800-400-6913

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 129

Estimated percentage with defect : 100

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2000-2014 Heil Trailer Petroleum Pull Trailer

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : This recall pertains to Petroleum Pull trailers

Production Dates : AUG 29, 2000 - SEP 12, 2014

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : 5HTAM334617F64865

End : 5HTAB3740F7G80425

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Heil Trailer International, Co is committed to a Continuous Improvement philosophy. This recall involves the secondary safety system of a "pull trailer" ( or commonly referred to as a "pup trailer" or "full trailer") that is being coupled and pulled by a class 8 truck. The primary means by which the truck and trailer are connected is by way of a forged steel, locking pintle hitch affixed to the rear of the truck; and a tow-bar for the trailer. 49 CFR 393.70 part 3(c) [TOWING OF FULL TRAILERS] provides requirements for this towing arrangement and the pintle hitch. Consistent with 49CFR393.70 part 4(d) [SAFETY DEVICES IN CASE OF TOW-BAR FAILURE OR DISCONNECTION]; each of these pull trailers is equipped with a secondary safety system comprised of cables as described in the same section if the pintle hitch should fail. This recall focuses on only the cables of the secondary coupling system. Heil has discovered that certain units may have been delivered with secondary cables having insufficient tensile strength per specification. To date, we are unaware of any failures or incidents involving these cables. This is a voluntary campaign by Heil Trailer International, Co. [ <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title49-vol5/pdf/CFR-2011-title49-vol5-sec393-70.pdf> ]

Description of the Safety Risk : If there is a failure of the primary unit hitch the trailer brakes automatically

activate to stop the trailer and the cables serve to keep the vehicles coupled. The cables function as a secondary confinement means. Failure of the primary coupling pintle hitch and then the secondary restraining cabling could cause the units to come uncoupled.

Description of the Cause : Failure of the primary unit hitch.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : United States

**Chronology :**

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**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Heil Trailer International, Co. will furnish and cover costs associated with installation of remedy components (which includes removal of original recalled components)

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Recalled components are 5/8" cable. Remedy components will consist of 3/4" cables.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Beginning October 2014 all petroleum pull trailers with GVWR over 45,000lbs are equipped with 3/4" cables

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : The 577 letter is anticipated to be mailed to any affected party within five days of receiving a formal recall number from ODI.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

\* NR - Not Reported