



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Allen Peacock
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430 Letson Road
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NVS-215MR
15V-352

Subject: Bolted Connections may Loosen from Cracked Washers

Dear Mr. Peacock:

This letter serves to acknowledge Fontaine Trailer Company'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:

FONTAINE/REVOLUTION/2016

Mfr's Report Date: May 29, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-352

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 159

Problem Description:

Fontaine Trailer Company (Fontaine) is recalling certain model year 2016 Revolution flat deck platform and step deck platform semi-trailers manufactured April 20, 2015, to May 13, 2015. In the affected trailers, the hardened washers used in the bolted connections that secure the upper coupler, landing gear and suspensions to the trailer sub-frame may crack.

Consequence:

Failure of the washers can cause the bolted joints to loosen, causing detachment of the trailer's structural components, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Fontaine will notify owners, and dealers will replace the affected washers as well as the nuts and bolts used in the connections, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in July 2015. Owners may contact Fontaine customer service at 1-205-485-1300.

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.

We have received Fontaine'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.

Per the requirements of 573.6(c)(2)(iv), please provide the supplier name, contact information, address and country of origin (if known) for the hardened washers.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

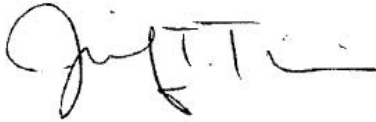
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@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