



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

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NVS-215KS
15V-622

Subject: Tire, Wheel, Hub, and Torsion Arm may Detach

Dear James Gordon:

This letter serves to acknowledge Snake River 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:

SNAKE RIVER/HORSE TRAILER/2015-2016

Mfr's Report Date: September 30, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-622

Components:

SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:NON-POWERED AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 20

Problem Description:

Snake River Trailer Company (Snake River) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 Horse trailers manufactured February 25, 2015, to September 15, 2015, and equipped with 3500lb-capacity torsion model axles. The weld that secures the torsion arm assembly may fail allowing the tire, wheel, hub, and torsion arm to separate from the trailer.

Consequence:

A separation of the torsion arm can result in a reduction in vehicle stability, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Snake River will notify owners, and the axle manufacture will supply a replacement axle free of charge and cover the labor costs needed to replace it. The recall is expected to begin in October 2015. Owners may contact Snake River customer service at 1-208-459-8344.

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 Snake River'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.

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 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
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Enforcement