



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Allen Peacock
VP of Engineering
Fontaine Trailer Company
430 Letson Road
Haleyville, AL 35565

NVS-215MR
15V-708

Subject: Welds for Structural Member may Crack

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/2014-2016

Mfr's Report Date: October 23, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-708

Components:

STRUCTURE:FRAME AND MEMBERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 552

Problem Description:

Fontaine Trailer Company (Fontaine) is recalling certain model year 2014-2016 Revolution flat trailers manufactured September 30, 2013, to September 28, 2015. The affected trailers have welds that may crack where the structural support member attaches to the frame hanger.

Consequence:

If the welds crack, the structural member may also crack and the structural support member may separate from the frame hanger resulting in a failure of the slider box, which could increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Fontaine will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the trailers and repair any cracks, as necessary. Additional reinforcing components will also be added. These repairs will be performed free of charge. The recall is expected to begin November 9, 2015. Owners may contact Fontaine customer service at 1-205-485-1300. Fontaine's name for this recall is "Slider Enhancement."

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.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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