



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

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NVS-215KS  
15V-753

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

Dear Mike Olsen:

This letter serves to acknowledge Trails West Manufacturing Of Idaho, 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:**

TRAILS WEST/CLASSIC/2015-2016  
TRAILS WEST/CLASSIC II/2015-2016  
TRAILS WEST/HOT SHOT/2015-2016  
TRAILS WEST/ROYALE/2015-2016  
TRAILS WEST/SANTA FE II/2015-2016  
TRAILS WEST/SIERRA/2015-2016  
TRAILS WEST/SIERRA II/2015-2016  
TRAILS WEST/SIERRA SELECT/2015-2016

**Mfr's Report Date:** November 10, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-753

**Components:**

SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:NON-POWERED AXLE ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 231

**Problem Description:**

Trails West Manufacturing of Idaho, Inc. (Trails West) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 Santa Fe II, Classic, Classic II, Sierra, Sierra II, Royale, Sierra Select, and Hot Shot trailers manufactured February 18, 2015, to August 25, 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:**

Trails West will notify owners, and dealers will replace any suspect axles, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in December 2015. Owners may contact Trails West customer service at 1-208-852-2200.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Trails West'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](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement