



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Lisa McGlashen  
CFO  
H&H Trailers, LLC  
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Clarinda, IA 51632

NVS-215MR  
15V-873

**Subject:** Aluminum Hinges may Break

Dear Ms. McGlashen:

This letter serves to acknowledge H&H Trailers, LLC'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:**

H&H/AMS BIKE TRAILER/2015-2016  
H&H/GCA GOLF CAR/2015-2016  
H&H/RSA RAIL SIDE SINGLE AXLE/2015-2016  
H&H/RSA RAIL SIDE TANDEM AXLE/2015-2016  
H&H/SSA SOLID SIDE SINGLE/2015-2016  
H&H/SSA SOLID SIDE TANDEM/2015-2016

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 21, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-873

**Components:**

STRUCTURE:BODY:TAILGATE:HINGE AND ATTACHMENTS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,682

**Problem Description:**

H&H Trailers, LLC (H&H) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 GCA Golf Car Trailers, AMS Bike Trailers, RSA Rail Side Single Axle Utility Trailers, RSA Rail Side Tandem Axle Utility Trailers, SSA Solid Side Single Axle Utility Trailers, and SSA Solid Side Tandem Axle Utility Trailers manufactured November 1, 2014, to October 16, 2015. The affected trailers may be equipped with aluminum gate hinges that may bend and possibly break.

**Consequence:**

If the hinge breaks, the gate may open unexpectedly, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

H&H will notify owners, and dealers will replace the hinges, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in January 2016. Owners may contact H&H customer service at 1-712-542-2618.

**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).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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.

The information in your report suggests that H&H may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6

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](mailto:michelle.rice@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,



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