



Federal Recall Information

1015M

Supplier

Fontaine

Description

Fontaine Ultra LT Fifth Wheel Top Plate

Release Date

12/11/2015

Introduction

Peterbilt has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain vehicles built with the Fontaine Ultra LT Fifth Wheel, manufactured between February 14, 2011 and December 5, 2012. The defect involves a susceptibility of the fifth wheel and its locking mechanism to cumulative damage from improper coupling procedures that may cause the fifth wheel lock to function improperly or a failure of the locking mechanism to properly engage.

If the fifth wheel and locking mechanism are sufficiently damaged, the locking mechanism may fail to operate as intended and the trailer may unexpectedly detach from the tractor, increasing the risk of crash.

Resolution

Peterbilt dealers will replace the fifth wheel top plate for those trucks in the affected population.

It is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to sell or lease new vehicles covered by this recall until the defect or noncompliance has been corrected.

Warranty

There is no time or mileage limit for this recall.

Peterbilt will pay \$306.30/chassis (calculated as 30% standard dealer mark-up based on the PACCAR Parts selling price to PACCAR dealers: $\$1021 \times 30\% = \306.30) for parts and labor:

- **0.3** hours labor to inspect if the serial number on customer's vehicle is eligible for the recall and it was determined to not be eligible (Use Quick Claim Code **1015M-A**).
- **1.5** hours labor to (inspect serial number, R&R Fifth wheel top plate and destroy old fifth wheel). (Use Quick Claim Code **1015M-B**).
- File a long claim for extraordinary circumstances (which must be explained). A quick claim for standard labor

must be filed first.

Note: Quick claim 1015M-B will go into DP status next day. Please attach pictures showing:

1. serial number
2. destroyed 5th wheel top plate

Parts can then be scrapped. Claims without sufficient pictures will be rejected.

For Field...	Enter...
Failure Location	059-001-010
Failure Type	705
Claim Type	C
Campaign Number	1015M
059-???	0.3 Hours Labor to inspect for eligibility
059-???	1.5 Hours Labor to repair or replace the top plate

Please Note: Destroy all take off parts, follow the attached procedures.

Parts

Parts are available through Fontaine.

See Step 1 in the Procedure section below.

Procedure

Step 1 - Determine the fifth wheel top plate is eligible for the recall

- Obtain the 9-digit 5th wheel serial number which is engraved in the casting on the right hand side of the 5th wheel. Reference – Fontaine Fifth Wheel Identification
- Go to Fontaine's recall website <http://www.fifthwheel.com/recall/> and type in the serial number and it will tell if it is part of the recall. Alternatively, contact Fontaine at either 1-844-597-7393 or ultrarecall@fifthwheel.com with the serial number.
- If Fontaine's recall website determines that the fifth wheel top plate is eligible for this recall, obtain a new top plate from Fontaine by setting up an account on the recall website and inputting the requested information. A fifth wheel will be shipped once the information is entered. Alternatively, contact Fontaine at either 1-844-597-7393 or ultrarecall@fifthwheel.com with the serial number.

Step 2 - Fontaine Fifth Wheel Replacement Procedure -

- <http://www.fifthwheel.com/pdfs/technicalbulletins/TB-060.pdf>
- <http://www.fifthwheel.com/recall/video.html>

Step 3 - Fontaine Fifth Wheel Disposal -

- <http://www.fifthwheel.com/pdfs/technicalbulletins/TB-061.pdf>
- <http://www.fifthwheel.com/recall/video.html>

Take a picture of the destroyed top plate and its serial number to be included in the claim.

Attachments

[1015M Chassis List](#)[1015M Customer Letter](#)

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