



# FONTAINE TRAILER COMPANY

## IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE NHTSA RECALL #15V708

[Redacted]

12/14/2015

Dear [Redacted]

This Notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Fontaine has decided that a defect which relates to Motor vehicle safety exists in certain Revolution Flat trailers equipped with single axle slider assembly manufactured between September 30, 2013 and September 28, 2015.

### Description of defect:

The structural member (a single 3” tall C-Channel) and respective weldments providing lateral support between Frame Hangers on the Revolution Flat model single axle slider provided by Fontaine’s suspension vendor may be insufficient for the trailers anticipated life. Cracks can develop in the weldments attaching the structural member to the frame hangers and subsequently propagate into the structural member. Continued operation with a cracked structural member could result in total separation of the member from the frame hangers and if the trailer is allowed to operate with a separated structural channel, subsequent damage to the slider assembly can occur.

### Customer Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) Affected By This Recall

[Redacted VINs]

### Risk to motor vehicle safety

Operation of the trailer with a broken structural member severed from the frame hanger(s) of the slider assembly can result in increased slider damage increasing the risk of a crash.

### Precautions you should take

Vehicle driver(s) should conduct a visual inspection daily of the weldments and structural support member per the attached inspection form. The area that needs to be inspected is easily accessible at the front of the slider especially if in the slider is in its widespread position. If cracks are detected in the weldments, support member or slider assembly; contact Fontaine for expedited repair and enhancement of the slider support system.

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Haleyville, Alabama 35565  
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**Remedial actions/Measures:**

Fontaine will make arrangements with customers to have the enhancement of the single axle slider assembly completed by an authorized repair facility. In addition to the enhancement of the structural support member, gussets will be added to reinforce the hanger connection to the slider assembly. Fontaine will perform the repairs or cover the cost at no charge to the owner of the trailer. The repair takes approximately 2 man-hours. Contact Fontaine Trailer Technical Services at 1-205-485-1300 to schedule the enhancement to your trailer(s).

**Further Assistance:**

If the affected vehicles identified as needing to be updated are not corrected within a reasonable time after defect notification, please contact

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1-205-485-1300**

If you are the lessor of this vehicle, please forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days to comply with federal regulations.

If you have already paid to have an enhancement to the structural support system on your trailer slider assembly completed, you may be eligible for reimbursement of the charges you paid for the repair. To learn more about what you need to do to obtain reimbursement call the Technical Services number listed above.

**Complaints:**

If after having attempted to take advantage of this recall and you believe you have not been able to have your Revolution trailer slider assembly remedied without charge and within a reasonable amount of time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave, S.E., Washington D.C. 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this safety recall may cause, but your safety is our first concern

Sincerely



Fontaine Trailer