



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

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Barry De Rousse  
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NEF-150MR  
16V-357

**Subject:** Coupling Plate may Detach from Trailer

Dear Barry De Rousse:

This letter serves to acknowledge MANAC Trailers USA, 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:**

MANAC/DARKWING ALUMINUM/2014-2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** May 19, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-357

**Components:**

STRUCTURE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 18

**Problem Description:**

Manac Trailers USA, Inc. (MANAC) is recalling certain model year 2014-2015 Darkwing Aluminum Flatbed 5 or 8 axle trailers manufactured May 19, 2014 to June 5, 2015. The affected trailers have a coupling plate that may separate from the trailer.

**Consequence:**

If the coupling plate separates from the trailer, the trailer could disconnect from the towing vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

MANAC has notified owners, and dealers will install a new coupling plate and repair all cracked frame webs, free of charge. The recall began on June 8, 2016. Owners may contact MANAC customer service at 1-800-361-7900.

**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:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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).

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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