



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

July 13, 2016

Mr. Kenneth Peters
PJ Trailers
1807 FM 2352
Sumner, TX 75486

NEF-150MR
16V-433

Subject: Trailer Tongue may Break and Detach

Dear Mr. Peters:

This letter serves to acknowledge PJ Trailers'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:

PJ TRAILERS/T1/2015-2016

Mfr's Report Date: June 10, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-433

Components:

TRAILER HITCHES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 36

Problem Description:

PJ Trailers is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 T1 single axle tilt trailers manufactured March 31, 2015, to November 17, 2015. During production, these trailers had a notch cut into steel tongue that may have been too deep and thus compromised the strength of the tongue, causing it to crack and separate from the trailer.

Consequence:

If the trailer separates from the tongue, the rest of the trailer would not be connected to the tow vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

PJ Trailers has notified owners, and provided each owner with a reinforcement kit to have installed, free of charge. The recall began in November 2015. Owners may contact PJ Trailers customer service at 1-866-752-8781.

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.

We have received PJ Trailers' proposed follow-up 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.

The information in your report suggests that PJ Trailers 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 or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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