



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

August 22, 2016

Mr. Bryan Geeslin
Load Trail LLC
220 FM 2216
Sumner, TX 75486

NEF-150MR
16V-557

Subject: Trailer Welds may Crack and Equipment may Detach

Dear Mr. Geeslin:

This letter serves to acknowledge Load Trail 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:

LOAD TRAIL/TRIPLE AXLE TILT DECK/2014-2016

Mfr's Report Date: July 22, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-557

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 52

Problem Description:

Load Trail LLC (Load Trail) is recalling certain model year 2014-2016 81.5 x 22 Triple Axle Tilt Deck trailers manufactured January 1, 2014, to January 1, 2016. The affected trailers, sold through Altec for use in transporting TDA58 Articulating Telescopic Aerial Devices, have weld joints that may crack where the front bumper, frame, and the stationary deck are joined.

Consequence:

If the welds fail, the equipment may disengage from the trailer, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Load Trail will notify owners, and dealers will repair the weld joints on the trailers, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on September 20, 2016. Owners may contact Load Trail customer service at 1-800-650-5194.

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.

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).

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "T".

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