



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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NEF-150MR  
16V-573

**Subject:** Misaligned Welds may cause Axle Mounts to Detach

Dear Mr. Mortenson:

This letter serves to acknowledge ALUMA/KLM'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:**

ALUMA KLM/8605T/2011-2015  
ALUMA KLM/8610T/2011-2015  
ALUMA KLM/8612T/2011-2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** August 1, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-573

**Components:**

SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:NON-POWERED AXLE ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,839

**Problem Description:**

Aluma/KLM is recalling certain model year 2011-2015 8605T, 8610T, and 8612T trailers manufactured January 1, 2011, to October 30, 2015. The affected trailers may have misaligned axle mounts, possibly resulting in the axle mounts detaching from the trailer.

**Consequence:**

If the axle mounts separate, there could be a loss of control, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Aluma/KLM will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the axle mount alignment, repairing it as necessary. Additionally, flat straps will be retrofitted to the axle mounts. These repairs will be performed free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Aluma/KLM customer service at 1-866-415-3285.

**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).

We have received and approved Aluma's proposed owner notification.

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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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 Aluma/KLM 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