



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

December 21, 2016

Mr. Mark Reeves  
President  
PTIC  
1525 Western Ave  
Albany, NY 12203

NEF-150MR  
16V-804

**Subject:** Axles may be Overloaded

Dear Mr. Reeves:

This letter serves to acknowledge PTIC'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:**

STRATOS/DMD-1000/2014-2016  
STRATOS/DMD-400/2014-2016  
STRATOS/DMD-600/2014-2016  
STRATOS/DMT-1000/2014-2016  
STRATOS/DMT-400/2014-2016  
STRATOS/DMT-600/2014-2016  
STRATOS/SG-1000I/2014-2016  
STRATOS/SG-400I/2014-2016  
STRATOS/SG-600I/2014-2016

**Mfr's Report Date:** November 2, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-804

**Components:**

SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:NON-POWERED AXLE ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 45

**Problem Description:**

Pavement Technologies Int'l. Corp. (PTIC) is recalling certain model year 2014-2016 Stratos DMT-400, DTM-600, DMT-1000, DMD-400, DMD-600, DMD-1000, SG-400I, SG-600I, and SG-1000I Asphalt Distributor trailers manufactured October 1, 2014, to October 20, 2016. The weight of the affected trailers, when the tank is fully loaded, may exceed the axle manufacturer's maximum load bearing capacity.

**Consequence:**

If the axles are overloaded, the bearings may overheat and/or the hubs may detach from the axles, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

PTIC will notify owners, and dealers will replace the axles with upgraded ones, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in December 2016. Owners may contact PTIC customer service at 1-518-218-7676.

**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 PTIC's proposed 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.

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,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement