



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Pete Gingerich
Aluminum Trailer Company
306 S. Nappanee Street
Nappanee, IN 46550-0396

NEF-150MR
16V-830

Subject: Fuel Tank may Detach from Subframe

Dear Mr. Gingerich:

This letter serves to acknowledge Aluminum Trailer Company'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:

ATC/BUMPER PULL TOY HAULER/2016-2017

Mfr's Report Date: November 14, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-830

Components:

FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:STORAGE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 46

Problem Description:

Aluminum Trailer Company (ATC) is recalling certain model year 2016-2017 Bumper Pull seven or eight foot wide Toy Hauler trailers manufactured October 1, 2015, to October 31, 2016. The fuel tank may have been attached to the sub frame without rivnuts, and as a result, the mounting bolts may loosen and the fuel tank may detach.

Consequence:

If the fuel tank becomes loose and detaches from the vehicle, a fuel leak may result, increasing the risk of a fire.

Remedy:

ATC will notify owners and dealers will replace the mounting bolts, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 13, 2017. Owners may contact ATC customer service at 1-574-773-2440. ATC's number for this recall is ARVFTANK.

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).

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 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