

Part 573 Safety Recall Report**16V-033****Manufacturer Name :** Vintage Trailers Ltd.**Submission Date :** JAN 26, 2016**NHTSA Recall No. :** 16V-033**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Vintage Trailers Ltd.

Address : 4660 Pine Creek Road
Elkhart IN 46516

Company phone : 800-233-5455

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 373

Estimated percentage with defect : 100

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle : 2009-2016 Vintage Trailers Ltd Intimidator, Aero,Outlaw,Bandit and Crystal SS

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Vintage Trailers triple axle trailers with ST225/75 R15 Rims at 65 psi only.

Production Dates : MAY 09, 2008 - SEP 23, 2015

VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range

Begin : 5BWUV403391000003

End : 5BWUV4038G1000155

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Noncompliance :**

Description of the Noncompliance : Trailers with triple axle GVWR of 15,200 pounds with ST225/75 R 15 rims with an air pressure rating of 65 psi have an improper rating for GAWR of 5,200 pounds on the Federal Identification sticker. They should show a GAWR rating of 5,080 pounds.

FMVSS 1 : 120 - Wheels and rims- other than passenger cars

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The Federal Identification sticker shows the incorrect GAWR of 5,200 pounds instead of the proper weight of 5,080. The GVWR of 15,200 pounds is correct. There is no risk unless the consumer loads the trailer over the GVWR as the GVWR is only 15,200.

Description of the Cause : A clerical error in printing the Federal identification sticker. The GAWR should have read 5,080 instead of 5,200 when the trailer has triple axles with ST225/75 R15 rims and tires with an air pressure rating of 65 psi.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : There is no known risk. The GVWR of the trailer is correct at 15,200 and this is lower than the proper GAWR times the three axles (5,080 x 3 = 15,240) The owner would have to load the

trailer over the GVWR before there could be an issue with the GAWR.

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

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Elkhart INDIANA 46516

Country : United States

Chronology :

We were contacted by Amina Fisher of NHTSA on December 22, 2015 in reference to a anonymous complaint on a trailer that was equipped with ST225/75 R15 Tires that when tested for compliance showed that we passed for the GVWR but that we failed the compliance test for GAWR on the Federal Identification sticker. The trailers in question are triple axle trailers that are equipped with ST225/75 R15 wheels and tires. The GAWR for the axle, tire and wheel combination according to the 2015 Tire and Rim Association Handbook should show a GAWR of 5,080 pounds. The trailers in question show a GAWR of 5,200. It has been determined that a clerical error has occurred on the Federal Identification sticker for triple axles trailers with ST225/75 R15 tires. The Federal Identification sticker should read 5,080 pounds for the GAWR. It has been determined that the GVWR passed but failed for GAWR on these specific optioned trailers.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : We will mail out a new Federal Identification sticker to all affected vehicles, along with instructions informing the owner to clean the surface of the current Federal Identification Sticker so that the new amended sticker may be applied over the improper sticker.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The effected vehicle will have a Federal Identification sticker showing it has triple axles with ST225/75 R15 tires at 65 psi, and a GAWR of 5,200 pounds per axle. The remedy sticker will show triple axles with ST225/75 R15 tires at 65 psi, but the GAWR will show 5,080 pounds per axle. The GVWR will be the same on both stickers.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : As of January 4, 2016 the clerical error in our computer system that automatically prints off the Federal Identification stickers has been corrected to the proper GAWR (5,080) for triple axle trailers with ST225/75 R15 tires at 65 psi. All trailers still at our factory had new Federal Identification sticker applied with the proper information. All new trailers produced will have the proper GAWR for

triple axle trailers with ST225/75 R15
tires at 65 psi.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : We will assemble all the owner information we have in our system for the affected trailers and mail out a letter explaining the clerical error along with a corrected sticker to all those customers. We will contact any dealers that we do not have customer information on so that they can provide us with the customers mailing information. Once we get the customer information we do not have in our computer and we will mail out a letter along with the correct sticker.

We anticipate printing off the corrected stickers for all effected trailers in the next 21 days and mailing them to the customers we have mailing information. We will contact any dealers that we need customer information on in the next 14 days. We will ask the dealers to get customer information back to us within 14 days of us contacting them. We anticipate having the clerical error remedied in 45 days.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : FEB 01, 2016 - FEB 15, 2016

Planned Owner Notification Date : FEB 09, 2016 - MAR 04, 2016

* NR - Not Reported