

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****16V-239****Manufacturer Name :** Pitts Enterprises, Inc**Submission Date :** APR 22, 2016**NHTSA Recall No. :** 16V-239**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Pitts Enterprises, Inc

Address : 5734 Pittsview Highway

PO Box 127 Pittsview AL 36871

Company phone : 999

**Population :**

Number of potentially involved : 637

Estimated percentage with defect : 98

**Vehicle Information :**

Vehicle : 2014-2016 PITTS LT

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Logging trailer with single point trunnion mount suspension

Production Dates : JAN 01, 2014 - MAY 31, 2015

**VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Range**

Begin : NR

End : NR

 Not sequential VINs**Description of Defect :**

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A single pass weld was used to connect the suspension trunnion boxes to a full width frame base plate.

The single pass weld was used on 3 sides.

The corrected procedure is a double pass weld around the entire 4 sides of the suspension trunnion boxes.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : Cracking of welds between suspension and trailer frame can lead to equipment damage and in severe situations

can cause accidents.

Description of the Cause : Single pass weld procedure

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : Cracking of welds between suspension and trailer frame can be seen visually before separation occurs.

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

**Chronology :**

Pitts has been correcting what we believed to be a durability issue in the suspension area since early 2015 at no cost to the owners. The majority of the trailers encompassed within this recall notice have been corrected. Recently we have seen two single-vehicle, no-injury incidents involving suspension separation on trailers that have yet to be addressed. As of 4/18/2016 Pitts has notified 95% of owners involved, authorized repair for approx 75% of units included and completed repair of 60% of units included.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Pitts has provided a correction procedure. Owners are instructed to immediately visually inspect suspension area for cracking. Owners are instructed to take their trailer to an authorized repair facility or the manufacturing plant in Pittsview, AL. Defect area will be examined and correction procedure will be performed.  
Pitts will institute a reimbursement plan consistent with 49 CFR Part 573.13.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Recalled Procedure - 3 Side - Single pass weld

Repair/Corrected Procedure - 4 Side - Double pass weld

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

**Recall Schedule :**

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Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAY 09, 2016 - MAY 13, 2016

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAY 09, 2016 - MAY 13, 2016

\* NR - Not Reported