

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 16V-433

**Manufacturer Name :** PJ Trailers  
**Submission Date :** JUN 10, 2016  
**NHTSA Recall No. :** 16V-433  
**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR

**Manufacturer Information :**

**Manufacturer Name :** PJ Trailers  
**Address :** 1807 FM 2352  
 Sumner TX 75486  
**Company phone :** 999

**Population :**

**Number of potentially involved :** 36  
**Estimated percentage with defect :** 11 %

**Vehicle Information :**

**Vehicle 1 :** 2015-2016 PJ Trailers T1  
**Vehicle Type :** TRAILERS  
**Body Style :** OTHER  
**Power Train :** NR  
**Descriptive Information :** 81" x 13' Single Axle HD Tilt  
**Production Dates :** MAR 31, 2015 - NOV 17, 2015  
**VIN Range 1 : Begin :** 4P5T11312F1227557 **End :** 4P5T11315G1245228  Not sequential

**Description of Defect :**

**Description of the Defect :** The tongue of this trailer is made of channel steel that is notched to facilitate bending it to form the triangle going to the hitch point. In a small number of cases, the notch in the steel was made too deep. This condition may compromise the strength of the tongue and cause the tongue to crack at the bend.

**FMVSS 1 :** NR

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** If the crack propagates and remains undetected, it may break, separating the trailer from the tongue. To date, PJ Trailers is not aware of any reports of separations.

**Description of the Cause :** Notching the steel too deep.

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** The tongue could bend or crack.

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

Name : PJ Trailers  
Address : NR  
NR  
Country : NR

**Chronology :**

November 2015: PJ Trailer received 3 reports of cracked tongues on 13-foot T1 "tilt" trailers. The company investigated the issue and identified the root cause. The company issued a dealer bulletin, provided reinforcement kits to dealers and notified owners of 36 field units of the availability of reinforcement kits.

March - June 2016: PJ Trailer conducted a review of its November 2015 field campaign. PJ Trailer received 1 additional report of a cracked tongue from an owner who did not install the reinforcement kit that he was provided in November 2015. The company confirmed that owners of all trailers covered by this field campaign have received the reinforcement kit.

No accidents or injuries related to this condition were reported.

**Description of Remedy :**

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| Description of Remedy Program :                                  | A reinforcement kit was provided at no charge (parts and labor) to all consumers. All kits are confirmed to have been received by the owners.  |
| How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :           | The remedy includes decreasing the notches in the steel on either side of the tongue and the addition of a reinforcement plate on each side of the tongue where it bends.                  |
| Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : | The recall condition was corrected in production on 10/12/2015 by decreasing the notch in the steel and adding additional reinforcement plates to the bottom of the tongue where it bends. |

**Recall Schedule :**

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| Description of Recall Schedule :   | PJ Trailers will issue Part 577 Owner Letters to trailer owners whose installation of reinforcement kits has not yet been verified. (As noted above, reinforcement kits have been sent to all affected owners.) |
| Planned Dealer Notification Date : | NR - NR   |
| Planned Owner Notification Date :  | JUL 05, 2016 - JUL 19, 2016   |

\* NR - Not Reported