

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

16V-709

Manufacturer Name : Universal Trailer Cargo Group, Inc.

Submission Date : JUN 27, 2017

NHTSA Recall No. : 16V-709

Manufacturer Recall No. : ID119915



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Universal Trailer Cargo Group, Inc.

Address : 1503 McNaughton Ave
Elkhart IN 46514

Company phone : 574-264-9661

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 89

Estimated percentage with defect : 60 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2015-2016 Haulmark & Wells Cargo HAS85X16DT2,HAS85X20DT2,HAS85X22DT2,
HAS85X24DT2,WAS85X1622,WAS85X2022,WAS85X2422

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Aluminum Snowmobile Trailers

Production Dates : JUN 10, 2015 -SEP 22, 2016

VIN Range 1 :Begin : 575GB2421FH298925 **End :** 575GB282XHH330512 ☒ Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Universal Trailer Cargo Group Inc has determined that in extreme cross wind conditions, the Haulmark models HAS85X16DT2, HAS85X20DT2, HAS85X22DT2, and HAS85X24DT2 and the Wells Cargo models WAS85X1622, WAS85X2022 and WAS85X2422 snowmobile models produced from June 18, 2015 to September 23, 2016 may experience a lifting or tipping condition which may tear the coupler main tube (especially in an unloaded condition).

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : This unique action can allow the trailer to be disconnected from the tow vehicle because the main tube could tear.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning NR
that can Occur :

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : NR

Address : NR

NR

Country : NR

Chronology :

On Sept. 26, 2016 we were shipping a trailer to a dealer when the driver was caught in cross winds in excess of 20 mph. This caused the trailer to start tipping, which then caused a tear in the main coupler tube. The trailer ended up coming disconnected from the tow vehicle. The VIN of that unit was 575GB2821HU326405. We stopped production and quarantined all units until we came up with root cause and repair. We determined that the tongue tube was not reinforced properly. We sent out a Technical Bulletin to our dealers on 10/04/16 informing them of this issue and our plan to repair.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : UTC Cargo Group Inc. has developed a repair kit that requires a certified welder to install a reinforcement plate assembly and extra coupler tube to the main coupler tube which will alleviate the result of becoming disconnected.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : It adds more support and strength to main coupler tube so that it will not tear.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : After this incident was reported to warranty on Monday Sept. 26, 2016 we stopped anything from shipping. On Wednesday Sept. 28, 2016 we implemented a change to production to install reinforcement plates and extra coupler tube to the main coupler tube.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : We are currently working on repair instructions that we can send out to our dealers and putting a repair kit together. Once we have that completed we can start to roll it out.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : OCT 03, 2016 - OCT 07, 2016

Planned Owner Notification Date : OCT 24, 2016 - NOV 04, 2016

* NR - Not Reported