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**NOTICE OF RECALL #16V-286  
Rear Impact Guards**

**SAFETY RECALL NOTICE**

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Dear Great Lakes Trailer Dealer,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Great Lakes Manufacturing, Inc. (Great Lakes), the manufacturer of Great Lakes Trailers, has decided that certain trailer models, particularly Wallboard Pup trailers manufactured in years 1998-2016, fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 224, "Rear Impact Guards and Rear End Protection" (FMVSS 224). Our records indicate that you may have sold or distributed one or more of the foregoing trailers.

The rear impact guard installed on the trailers does not meet the minimum requirements of FMVSS No. 224. The horizontal member of the rear impact guard does not extend a sufficient distance across the rear extremities of the vehicle and does not have sufficient cross-sectional vertical height. Great Lakes suspects that the rear impact guard would not absorb a sufficient amount of the impact during a crash wherein a vehicle crashed into the rear of the trailer. This may result in more damage to the vehicle that strikes the rear of such trailer than the standard is intended to prevent against.

Great Lakes is conducting a recall campaign for the subject vehicles described above. Letters have been sent to known purchasers of the affected trailers. The recall will be conducted to install an FMVSS-223 compliant underride bumper retrofit kit. To ensure that the retrofit kit complies with the FMVSS-223 underride bumper requirements, the installation must be completed per specific instructions prepared by Great Lakes. The retrofit installation will be performed, at no cost, either at a designated dealer service center or the Great Lakes plant in Suring, Wisconsin. Purchasers of the subject trailers have been advised to contact our Warranty Department at (877) 248-5677 to schedule the appropriate repair. Great Lakes has also offered to provide the necessary parts and complete installation instructions to repair the noncompliance to those customers who should have the qualified personnel, and wish to perform the repair themselves.

If you still have any of the foregoing trailers in your supply of vehicles, please contact our Warranty Department to discuss and/or schedule the appropriate repair. Please mention Recall Campaign #16V-286.

**Please be advised that it is a violation of federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment covered by this notification under a sale or lease until the noncompliance is remedied.**

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Should you have any additional questions concerning this recall, please contact our Warranty Department at (877) 248-5677.

Best Regards,

Great Lakes Manufacturing, Inc.