

June 8, 2016

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

OWNER ADDRESS

Attention: *name of contact*

Re: Defect Notice by Manac Trailers USA, Inc. ("MTU")
Darkwing aluminum flatbed - Defect in the frame web connected to the coupling plate

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the *National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act*. MTU has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in Manac Darkwing aluminum flatbed semi-trailers with five (5) and eight (8) axles (the "Affected Units"), all of which were manufactured by MTU at its facility in Oran, Missouri (US).

! I M P O R T A N T !

- Your Manac Darkwing Aluminum Flatbeds with five (5) and eight (8) axles are being recalled (*see attached appendix for your VIN numbers*)
- You should contact our customer service at **(800) 361-7900** as soon as possible to coordinate the replacement of the coupling plate assemblies and proceed with appropriate repairs on your units (VIN numbers listed in appendix)

Description of defect and risk to motor vehicle safety:

The defect consists in the possible occurrence of cracks in the structural web connected to the coupling plate of the trailer below the cross-member bolted in the web of the frame to the coupler. Depending on trailer use, the occurrence or aggravation of cracks could result in the trailer's coupling plate separating from its frame web, therefore increasing the risk of a crash, property damage, personal injury and/or death.

Precautions you should take:

Owners/operators should immediately proceed with a visual inspection of the frame web on each side of the coupling plate of their trailers in their fleets to look for signs of cracks. The main area which needs to be inspected is the structural aluminum web connected to the coupling plate of the trailer below the cross-member bolted in the web of the frame to the coupler.

Remedial actions/measures:

MTU will make arrangements with customers to have the coupling plate assemblies removed and replaced by redesigned coupling plate assemblies and all cracked frame webs repaired, at no charge to the customers. Arrangements will be made with all customers to identify repair facilities that are suitable to their operating locale. Repair instructions and required replacement parts, if appropriate, will be provided to each location doing the repair. All parts and agreed to labor will be at no cost to the dealer body or owner. MTU will provide a time estimate for the

repairs on a case-by-case basis. **Contact MTU customer services at (800) 361-7900 to schedule the enhancement of your trailer or for any assistance in relation with the present recall.**

If you are the lessor of this vehicle, please forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days to comply with federal regulations.

If you have already paid to have an enhancement to the coupling plate assembly on your trailer prior to receiving this notice, you may be eligible for reimbursement of the charges you paid for the repair. To learn more about what you need to do to obtain reimbursement, call MTU customer services at (800) 361-7900.

Complaints:

If after having attempted to take advantage of this recall you believe you have not been able to have your Darkwing aluminum flatbed semi-trailer remedied without charge and within a reasonable amount of time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this safety recall may cause, but your safety is our first concern.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding the foregoing.

Sincerely,

Manac Trailers USA, Inc.

**APPENDIX TO RECALL NOTIFICATION FOR MANAC DARKWING ALUMINUM FLATBED
SEMI-TRAILERS WITH 5 AND 8 AXLES**

The VIN numbers of your affected trailers involved in the recall are the following:
