



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. James Felleggy
Warranty Manager
Walker Stainless Equipment Company LLC
625 State Street
New Lisbon, WI 53950

NEF-150MR
17V-048

Subject: Underride Guard may Detach from Trailer

Dear Mr. Felleggy:

This letter serves to acknowledge Walker Stainless Equipment Company LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

WALKER/FOOD GRADE TANK TRAILER/2014-2017

Mfr's Report Date: January 20, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-048

Components:

STRUCTURE: FRAME AND MEMBERS:UNDERBODY SHIELDS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 543

Problem Description:

Walker Stainless Equipment Company LLC (Walker) is recalling certain 2014-2017 Food Grade Tank Trailers. The weld joints that attach the underride guard to the trailer frame may crack.

Consequence:

If the welds crack, the underride guard may detach from the trailer frame, becoming a road hazard and increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Walker will notify owners, and dealers will modify the underride guard mounting, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 20, 2017. Owners may contact Walker customer service at 1-800-356-5734. Walker's number for this recall is W-6225,W-6279.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received Walker's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian".

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement