



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

February 28, 2017

Mr. Pete Gingerich  
Aluminum Trailer Company  
306 S. Nappanee Street  
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NEF-150MR  
17V-110

**Subject:** Lift platform may disengage from Safety Lock

Dear Mr. Gingerich:

This letter serves to acknowledge Aluminum Trailer Company'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:**

ATC/QUEST/2017

**Mfr's Report Date:** February 17, 2017

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 17V-110

**Components:**

LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 16

**Problem Description:**

Aluminum Trailer Company (ATC) is recalling certain 2017 bumper-pull Quest trailers equipped with the Stacker package and either three, 6000lb or two, 7000lb axles. In the affected vehicles, the trailer walls may flex and allow the lift platform to disengage from the safety lock. If this happens when the lifting chains are slack, the lift platform may unexpectedly drop.

**Consequence:**

If the platform unexpectedly drops, it can increase the risk of injury.

**Remedy:**

ATC will notify owners, and dealers will install a flange to prevent the lift from slipping out of the safety lock, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 18, 2017. Owners may contact ATC customer service at 1-574-773-2440. ATC's number for this recall is STKR-LIFT.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement