



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Marie-Josée Morin  
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NEF-150MR  
17V-157

**Subject:** Rub Rail may Detach

Dear Ms. Morin:

This letter serves to acknowledge MANAC INC.'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:**

MANAC/VAN TRAILER/2016-2017

**Mfr's Report Date:** March 9, 2017

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 17V-157

**Components:**

STRUCTURE:BODY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 3

**Problem Description:**

Manac Inc. (Manac) is recalling certain 2016-2017 Van Trailers. The aluminum rivets that secure the external rub rails may fail, allowing the rub rails to detach.

**Consequence:**

If the rub rail detaches, it may become a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash or injury.

**Remedy:**

Manac will notify owners and dealers will replace the aluminum rivets with stainless steel rivets, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Manac customer service at 1-418-228-2018.

**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  
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Enforcement