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**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NEF-150MR
17V-464

Subject: Rear Impact Guard Failure/FMVSS 223

Dear Mr. Kirk:

This letter serves to acknowledge Tremcar'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:

TREMCAR/1350FT3 B-TRAIN PUP/2008
TREMCAR/1625FT3 VAC TANDEM/2014
TREMCAR/2300FT3 QUAD/2016
TREMCAR/2800FT3 DRY BULK QUAD/2008-2017

Mfr's Report Date: July 20, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-464

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3

Problem Description:

Tremcar is recalling the rear impact guards used on certain 2008 Tremcar 1350 cubic ft B-train pup, 2008-2017 Tremcar 2800 cubic ft Dry Bulk Quad, 2014 Tremcar 1625 cubic ft Vac tandem, and 2016 Tremcar 2300 cubic ft Quad trailers. When impacted at the outer portions, the guards did not adequately resist sufficient force. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 223, "Rear Impact Guards."

Consequence:

These rear impact guards may not adequately reduce the possibility of a car traveling under the trailer in the event of a crash, increasing the risk of injury to the car driver.

Remedy:

The purchaser of the affected guards is aware of the recall, therefore owner notification letters will not be sent. The remedy for this recall is still under development. Owners may contact Tremcar customer service at 1-800-363-2158.

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.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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).

As required by 49 CFR Part 573.7, one quarterly recall completion rate status report will need to be submitted once the safety risk has been removed for all of the affected guards within the United States.

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,



Jennifer Timian
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Enforcement