



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Ty Hanten
Director of Quality
Trail King Industries, Inc.
300 East Norway
Mitchell, SD 57301

NEF-150MR
17V-494

Subject: Pivot Plate may Crack and Trailer may Disconnect

Dear Mr. Hanten:

This letter serves to acknowledge Trail King Industries, 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:

TRAIL KING/GOOSENECK TRAILER/2012-2014

Mfr's Report Date: August 4, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-494

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 743

Problem Description:

Trail King Industries, Inc. (Trail King) is recalling certain 2012-2014 TK70HDG, TK80HDG, TK102HDG, TK110HDG, and TK110HED gooseneck trailers. The pivot plate reinforcement in the gooseneck pivot area is shorter than necessary to prevent the pivot plate from cracking.

Consequence:

The cracking plate may result in the trailer deck disconnecting from the gooseneck, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Trail King will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the pivot plate for cracks, repairing any that are found, and add reinforcements to the pivot plate, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin August 21, 2017. Owners may contact Trail King customer service at 1-800-843-3324.

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.

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).

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,



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