



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

April 6, 2018

Mr. Jake Reid  
Operations Manager  
Futura Trailers Ltd  
1039 Lincoln Ave  
North Charleston, SC 29405

NEF-150MR  
18V-210

**Subject:** Brake and Lighting Wiring Damage/FMVSS 135, 108

Dear Mr. Reid:

This letter serves to acknowledge Futura Trailers Ltd'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:**

FUTURA/LOW LOADER/2016-2018

**Mfr's Report Date:** March 30, 2018

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 18V-210

**Components:**

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:WIRING  
EXTERIOR LIGHTING  
SERVICE BRAKES, ELECTRIC  
STRUCTURE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 204

**Problem Description:**

Futura Trailers Ltd (Futura) is recalling certain 2016-2018 Low Loader trailers. The left and right drawbars may disconnect from the front rail of the trailer chassis allowing the draw bars to swing and sever the trailer brake and light wires. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment," and number 135, "Light Vehicle Brake Systems."

**Consequence:**

Severed brake and/or light wiring can cause the brakes or brake lights to fail, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Futura will notify owners, and dealers will install an additional aluminum angle bracket to the junction of the left and right draw-bar, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 10, 2018. Owners may contact Futura customer service at 1-855-744-3877.

**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).

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:

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).

As required in Part 573.6(c)(7), in the case of a noncompliance, please provide the test results and other information used to determine the existence of the noncompliance. Include the date of each test and observation that indicated that a noncompliance might or did exist. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

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