

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 18V-125

**Manufacturer Name :** Kaufman Trailers of NC, Inc.

**Submission Date :** OCT 21, 2019

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 18V-125

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR



## Manufacturer Information :

**Manufacturer Name :** Kaufman Trailers of NC, Inc.

**Address :** 702 North Silver Street

Lexington NC 27292

**Company phone :** 336-790-6800

## Population :

**Number of potentially involved :** 189

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 9 %

## Vehicle Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2018-2018 Kaufman FE-3/7K-44 & FE-3/7K-47

**Vehicle Type :** TRAILERS

**Body Style :**

**Power Train :** NR

**Descriptive Information :** On a small percentage of these two trailer models, the axles installed were manufactured with an incorrect spindle. On axles with the incorrect spindle, there is the potential for the axle spindle to break between the inner and outer bearings. If this happens there is the immediate loss of the wheel and hub from the trailer, creating a dangerous situation for the truck towing the trailer, as well as other motorists that the wheel/hub could impact. Many of the two models listed that were produced during this time frame were manufactured with the correct spindle.

**Production Dates :** JUL 01, 2017 - FEB 14, 2018

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :**

NR

**End :** NR

Not sequential

## Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** A spindle failure (fatigue/stress loading leading to shear failure) has been identified in the extreme loading conditions of the 8k hybrid spindle triple axle application.

**FMVSS 1 :** NR

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** On axles with the incorrect spindle, there is the potential for the axle spindle to break between the inner and outer bearings. If this happens there is the immediate loss of the wheel and hub from the trailer, creating a dangerous situation for the truck towing the trailer, as well as other motorists that the wheel/hub could impact.

**Description of the Cause :** NR

Identification of Any Warning NR  
that can Occur :

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

Name : Lippert Components, Inc.  
Address : NR  
NR  
Country : United States

## Chronology :

Kaufman Trailers sold a few units with referenced axle component that had spindle failure. This was very uncommon for this particular unit after manufacturing this product for many years. Based on the findings varified by the axle manufacture it was determined there were certain units that were mfg with a different spindle which was inferior to the original spindle. Based on the number of issues and varification from the supplier, the recall was issued.

## Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program :	Kaufman Trailers of NC, Inc. will replace all axles on your trailer that visual inspection shows to have an incorrect spindle(s). Replacement axles will be installed free of charge at any Kaufman Trailer facility or at a pre-approved service center. Axle replacements will take approximately 1-2 hours per axle to complete. It is possible that your trailer may have one or two incorrect axles, but not all three. Only axles that have an incorrect spindle(s) will be replaced.
How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :	This is done by a quick visual inspection that is included with the recall letter.
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :	As soon as the MFG company was notified, they verified a few incorrect spindles had been used for the axles used on the two models referenced in this recall. They immediately rectified the problem internally to make certain these spindles were not used on the axles built for the referenced models.

## Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Planned owners (No dealers for these trailer models) to be notified via certified mail as soon as recall letter is approved.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : FEB 28, 2018 - MAR 30, 2018

Planned Owner Notification Date : FEB 28, 2018 - MAR 30, 2018

\* NR - Not Reported