



FONTAINE TRAILER COMPANY

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE NHTSA RECALL #XXXXX

09/14/2018

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED],

This Notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Fontaine has determined that certain trailers with Serial Number range of 33047 through 33146 are not in compliance with rear under ride guard requirements as it relates to Motor Vehicle Safety Standard FMVSS223 and FMVSS224. These trailers were manufactured between March 22, 2018 and Jun 18, 2018.

Description of defect:

The trailers in question were built with a Fontaine standard rear under ride guard (“C” channel style) typically used for a “Wheels Back” type trailer that does not have to comply FMVSS 223 requirements as exempted by FMVSS 224 regulations. The Suspension was moved forward 3” from the normal “wheels back” location to accommodate load securement equipment at the rear of the trailer. The suspension as located combined with prescribed tire size resulted in an “inconsequential non-compliance” situation where the distance from the rear face of the tires to the rear most point on the vehicle exceeded the 12” dimension by $\frac{3}{4}$ ” referenced in FMVSS 224 “wheels back” exemption.

Customer Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) Affected by This Recall

See attached list of Vin Numbers

Risk to motor vehicle safety

There is no inherent risk to vehicle safety for the trailer as-built with the suspension and rear tire position located at 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ ” in lieu of the defined 12” dimension. The “as built” design does not affect the function of the trailer to prevent vehicle intrusion in a crash scenario.

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Precautions you should take

Vehicle driver(s) should be aware that the current design, while not in compliance, does not present a safety risk.

Remedial actions/Measures:

Fontaine or an agent of Fontaine will remove and replace the existing “C” channel under-ride guard horizontal member with a 4” tube Horizontal member that will bring the rear under ride guards on these trailers into compliance with FMVSS 224 and FMVSS 223 requirements. The tubes will be equipped with the DOT tags confirming compliance to DOT regulations. Fontaine will perform the repairs or cover the cost at no charge to the owner of the trailer. The repair takes approximately 1 to 2 man-hours targeting completion of all 100 units by the end of September 2018. Fontaine will supply all of the under-ride tube and enhancement material free of charge.

Further Assistance:

If the affected vehicles identified as needing to be updated are not corrected within a reasonable time after defect notification, please contact

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If you are the lessor of this vehicle, please forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days to comply with federal regulations.

Complaints:

If after having attempted to take advantage of this recall and you believe you have not been able to have your Revolution trailer slider assembly remedied without charge and within a reasonable amount of time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave, S.E., Washington D.C. 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this safety recall may cause, but your safety is our first concern

Sincerely



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