

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

May 15, 2019

Mr. Bryan Geeslin Load Trail LLC 220 FM 2216 Sumner, TX 75486 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NEF-150MR 19V-279

Subject: Cylinder Clevis Bolts May Break off

Dear Mr. Geeslin:

This letter serves to acknowledge Load Trail LLC'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:

LOAD TRAIL/TANDEM AXLE DUMP/2018-2019 LOAD TRAIL/TRIPLE AXLE DUMP/2018-2019

Mfr's Report Date: April 8, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-279

Components: STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 355

Problem Description:

Load Trail LLC (Load Trail) is recalling certain 2018-2019 83"x14' and 83"x 16' Tandem Axle, and 83"x16' Triple Axle Dump trailers with the 621-scissor hoist option. Under heavy loads, the bolts that attach the hydraulic cylinder clevis to the scissor hoist can break.

Consequence:

If the bolts break, the hydraulic cylinder may disengage from the scissor hoist, causing the dump box to lower back down onto the trailer frame at a rapid rate, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Load Trail will notify owners, and dealers will add bracing and replace the clevis bolts with bolts that can support heavy loads, replacing any damaged parts as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin June 7, 2019. Owners may contact Load Trail customer service at 1-903-783-3900.

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:

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to Load Trail's instructions.

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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Kareem Habib

Acting Chief, Recall Management Division

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Office of Defects Investigations

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