



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

November 23, 2020

Mr. Jim Kraschinsky
Aries Industries Inc.
550 Elizabeth Street
Waukesha, WI 53005

NEF-150KL
20E-086

Subject: Tow Hitch May Have Incorrect Weight Rating

Dear Mr. Kraschinsky:

This letter serves to acknowledge Aries 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:

ARIES/TOW HITCH/9999

Mfr's Report Date: November 16, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20E-086

Components:

TRAILER HITCHES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 141

Problem Description:

Aries Industries Inc. (Aries) is recalling certain Tow Hitches manufactured for several truck brands and models with Class 3 and Class 4 tow weight ratings. The tow hitches may not be able to tow the rated weight rating of these vehicles, which can cause the hitch plates to bend or break, or cause cracked welds.

Consequence:

Tow hitch plates that bend, break, or crack welds can make the towed equipment difficult to control or cause separation of the tow vehicle increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Aries will notify owners, and dealers will install reinforcement plates, or replace the tow hitches, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin January 5, 2021. Owners may contact Aries customer service at 1-262-446-5624.

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 the manufacturer'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 Kristin Lepper who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, or by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Joshua Neff
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement