



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

August 19, 2020

Ms. Vicki Kelich
American Hauler
1503 McNaughton Avenue
Elkhart, IN 46514

NEF-150MR
20V-463

Subject: Potential Axle Spindle Weld Failure

Dear Ms. Kelich:

This letter serves to acknowledge American Hauler'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:

AMERICAN HAULER/AIR-LITE/2018
AMERICAN HAULER/ARROW/2018
AMERICAN HAULER/FALCON/XC/2018
AMERICAN HAULER/NIGHT HAWK/2018

Mfr's Report Date: August 7, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-463

Components:

SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:NON-POWERED AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 64

Problem Description:

American Hauler is recalling certain 2018 Air-Lite, Arrow, Falcon/XC and Night Hawk cargo trailers equipped with Dexter D52 axles. The axles of these trailers may have spindle weld failures.

Consequence:

A failure of the axle increases the risk of crash and/or injury.

Remedy:

American Hauler will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the axles and replace them if necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in August 2020. Owners May contact American Hauler customer service at 1-574-264-0227.

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 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,



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