



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

October 14, 2020

Ms. Jackie Kell
Stoughton Trailers, LLC
416 S. Academy Street
Stoughton, WI 53589

NEF-150MR
20V-596

Subject: Sub-Frame Cracking Around Rear Suspension

Dear Ms. Kell:

This letter serves to acknowledge Stoughton Trailers, 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:
STOUGHTON/DVW/2016-2019

Mfr's Report Date: September 29, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-596

Components:
STRUCTURE:FRAME AND MEMBERS
SUSPENSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,484

Problem Description:

Stoughton Trailers, LLC (Stoughton) is recalling certain 2016-2019 DVW trailers with a specific rear pintle hook mounting assembly and rear suspension hangers welded to a channel suspension sub-frame. The sub-frame may crack around the area where the hangers are welded.

Consequence:

The rear suspension hangers can break away from the sub-frame and become detached from the trailer, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Stoughton will notify owners and will repair the existing fatigue cracks and add reinforcements in the area of the rear hanger, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin November 2, 2020. Owners may contact Stoughton customer service at 1-352-593-5900.

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