

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

20V-463

Manufacturer Name : American Hauler

Submission Date : AUG 24, 2020

NHTSA Recall No. : 20V-463

Manufacturer Recall No. : NR



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : American Hauler

Address : 1520 Mishawaka Street

Elkhart IN 46514

Company phone : 574-264-0227

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 64

Estimated percentage with defect : 50 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2018-2018 American Hauler Night Hawk & Falcon

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The basis for how the recall population was determined was based on the axle specs we use for our Air-Lite, Arrow, and our Falcon/XC models . Dexter axle informed us what purchase orders this could have potentially affected which would have been anything we produced from July 2018 thru August 2018. Based off that we were able to pull this information. Since these models would use Dexter Axle model D52 we only needed to include these in the recall.

Production Dates : JUL 02, 2018 - AUG 31, 2018

VIN Range 1 : Begin : 7HB212028K1067935 **End :** 7HB211827K1068332 ☒ Not sequential

Vehicle 2 : 2018-2018 AMERICAN HAULER AIR-LITE, ARROW,FALCON XC,&NIGHT HAWK

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style :

Power Train : NR

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Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : Potential Spindle Weld Failure

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : A failure of the axle could result in a vehicle crash causing accidental damage to include personal injury, property damage or both.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Axle

Component Description : D52 Axle Model

Component Part Number : 133158559

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Dexter Axle

Address : 2900 Industrial Parkway East
Elkhart INDIANA 46515

Country : United States

Chronology :

On or about March 2020 we had a customer with a failure. We immediately contacted Dexter Axle to examine the axle and they found that they could potentially have a manufacturing defect with serial number 133158559. Due to the safety concerns and what a potential failure could do they felt best that we do a recall on any trailer we produced during this time that required a D52 model axle.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : We will need the customer to take trailer into local dealership to have the axle inspected. We are allowing .5 hours per trailer for the inspection. If they find that the axle is serial number 133158559 the axle is considered suspect and will need to be replaced and new one will be sent to dealer to install. They will be allowed .5 hour rack-time per unit VIN and .8 hour per axle to be replaced.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : The axle serial number is what will distinguish this.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Dexter only shipped us so many axles at this time that could be suspect. Therefore anything with this serial number stamped on it is suspect and was only made during a short period by Dexter Axle.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Letters were drafted and will be sent out first to the dealers and then secondly to the retail customers based off their warranty registrations. Dealer notifications will be sent out by August 20, 2020 and retail customer notifications will be sent out by August 25, 2020.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : AUG 17, 2020 - AUG 20, 2020

Planned Owner Notification Date : AUG 21, 2020 - AUG 25, 2020

* NR - Not Reported