

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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NEF-107KL

21E-051

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Mount Couplers May Cause Trailer to Uncouple

Dear Greg Borocki:

This letter serves to acknowledge Wallace Forge Company'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:

WALLACE FORGE/MOUNT COUPLERS/9999

Mfr's Report Date: June 14, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21E-051

Components: EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5,514

Problem Description:

Wallace Forge Company (Wallace Forge) is recalling Medium duty adjustable mount couplers part numbers R25160. The coupler may experience excessive play due to a missing .750" radius piece.

Consequence:

Excessive play of the mount coupler can cause the trailer to uncouple, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy

Dealer will replace the coupler, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed June 25, 2021. Owners may contact Wallace Forge customer service at 1-330-488-1203.

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.nhtsa.gov.



Please ensure the following requirements are met:

In the case of items of motor vehicle equipment, the manufacturer of the equipment shall identify by name, business address, and business telephone number every manufacturer that purchases the defective or noncomplying component for use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(2)(v)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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.

Wallace Forge Company's contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement

