



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

April 19, 2021

Mr. Joe Vergel de Dios
Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company
17295 E. Railroad St.
City of Industry, CA 91748

NEF-107MR
21V-243

Subject: Missing Horizontal Weld

Dear Mr. Vergel de Dios:

This letter serves to acknowledge Utility Trailer Manufacturing 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:

UTILITY TRAILER/VS2DC/2006-2021
UTILITY TRAILER/VS2DX/2006-2021
UTILITY TRAILER/VS3DX/2006-2021

Mfr's Report Date: April 7, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-243

Components:

STRUCTURE:FRAME AND MEMBERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,752

Problem Description:

Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company (Utility Trailer) is recalling certain 2006-2021 VS2DC, VS2DX, VS3DX trailers. The horizontal weld that attaches a mild steel angle to the slider rail for super doubles/pintle hook operations may be missing.

Consequence:

Without the weld, the slider rail may detach from the trailer, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Utility Trailer will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and, if necessary, add the weld, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 2021. Owners may contact Utility Trailer customer service at 1-800-423-6591. Utility Trailer's number for this recall is SB-07-015.

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.

We have received Utility Trailer's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.



Please ensure the following requirements are met:

An identification and description of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to the defect (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(5)). All filings should state an increased risk of either a crash, injury or fire.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please include the dates of each event and observation that indicated that a noncompliance might or did exist.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Per the requirements of 49 USC 30119, please provide the part number, name and description of the component or components involved in this recall. This information should be provided in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

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.

Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company's contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement