

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

June 16, 2021

Mr. Patric Schmit
Karavan Trailers, Inc.
100 Karavan Dr

NEF-107MR
21V-437

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Wheel Spindles Improperly Welded To Axle

Dear Mr. Schmit:

Fox Lake, WI 53933

This letter serves to acknowledge Karavan Trailers, Inc.'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:

KARAVAN/MOVE I 1500 LONG/2021

Mfr's Report Date: June 9, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21V-437

Components:

SUSPENSION: REAR: AXLE: SPINDLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 220

Problem Description:

Karavan Trailers, Inc. (Karavan) is recalling certain 2021 Move I 1500 Long trailers. The wheel spindles were improperly welded to the axle.

Consequence:

The welds can break, causing the wheel to detach and increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will reimburse trailer transportation costs and replace the axle, free of charge. Owners are advised not to drive their trailer until the remedy is completed. The effected trailer manufacturers have been notified. Owners may contact Karavan customer service at 1-920-928-6200 ext. 333.

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:

Based on the provided remedy plan, it appears that your company may not be able to provide the required recall completion rate quarterly reports. If another company intends to file the report with detailed information about your company's remedy counts, please state so in the remedy section of the 573.

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).

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.

Karavan Trailers, Inc.'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

