



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Meredith Hackathorn
C.E. Smith Company, Inc.
1001 BITTING ST.
Greensboro, NC 27403

NEF-107MR
22V-398

Subject: Axle Weld may Fail Allowing Wheel to Separate

Dear Meredith Hackathorn:

This letter serves to acknowledge C.E. Smith Company, 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:

C.E. SMITH COMPANY/MULTI-SPORT 48810/2021-2022
C.E. SMITH COMPANY/MULTI-SPORT 48815/2021-2022
C.E. SMITH COMPANY/MULTI-SPORT PLUS 48870/2021-2022
MALONE AUTO RACKS/ECOLIGHT MPG585/2021-2022
MALONE AUTO RACKS/MICROSPORT MPG460/2021-2022

Mfr's Report Date: June 7, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-398

Components:

SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:NON-POWERED AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,043

Problem Description:

C.E. Smith Company, Inc. (C.E. Smith) is recalling certain 2021-2022 C.E. Smith Company Multi-Sport 48810 and 48815, Multi-Sport Plus 48870, Malone Auto Racks MicroSport MPG460, and EcoLight MPG585 boat trailers. The weld connecting the axle tube to the wheel spindle may fail, causing the wheel to separate from the trailer.

Consequence:

Losing a wheel off the trailer increases the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

C.E. Smith will provide installation instructions and a replacement axle, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed June 30, 2022. Owners may contact C.E. Smith at 1-800-334-2490.

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.



We have received C.E. Smith's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

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

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify dealers and/or distributors regarding this safety recall. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefor, and furnish a revised estimate. If your company does not have dealers or distributors, please state so in the 573 (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

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 eight 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.

C.E. Smith Company, 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