



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

July 15, 2022

Ms. Alyson Bennett
Sales Representative
Silver Eagle Manufacturing Company
5825 N.E. Skyport Way
Portland, OR 97218-1249

NEF-107MR
22V-472

Subject: Ballast Hanger Failure

Dear Ms. Bennett:

This letter serves to acknowledge Silver Eagle 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:

SILVER EAGLE/VAST-20W/2021

Mfr's Report Date: July 1, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-472

Components:

EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE/TRAILER
STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 146

Problem Description:

Silver Eagle Manufacturing Company (Silver Eagle) is recalling certain 2021 VAST20W trailer converter dollies. The ballast hanger near the rear of the frame may fail, causing part of the ballast hanger and its counterweights to fall onto the roadway.

Consequence:

The ballast hanger separating from the trailer dolly can become a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Silver Eagle will replace the ballast hanger, free of charge. Owner notification letters were mailed on July 14, 2022. Owners may contact Silver Eagle's customer service at 1-800-547-6792.

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:

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's program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of your company's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with § 573.13. Your company's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by § 573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in your company's report to NHTSA. If your company submits one or more general reimbursement plans, your company shall update each plan every two years (§ 573.13). If the vehicles are new and would be covered under the manufacturer's warranty program, please state that in the remedy section of your filing.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Silver Eagle must submit a sample of the envelope used to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY," "RECALL," and "NOTICE," in any order, must be printed on the envelope in all capital letters, in a type larger than that used in the address section, and in a manner distinguishable from the other type in a manner other than size (for example, in a different font or color).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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.

Silver Eagle 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