



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

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Chris Justice
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NEF-107MR
22V-777

Subject: Axle May Crack and Separate

Dear Chris Justice :

This letter serves to acknowledge HD Trailer MFG. LLC '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:

HD TRAILER/NON CDL GOOSENECKS/2022

Mfr's Report Date: October 14, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-777

Components:

SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:SPINDLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 15

Problem Description:

HD Trailer MFG, LLC (HD Trailer) is recalling certain 2022 Non CDL Gooseneck trailers equipped with Besser Pro 7000 lbs. Tubular Straight Axle assemblies. The weld that joins the spindle and the main axle may have been improperly placed, which can cause cracking or separation of the axle from the spindle.

Consequence:

Cracking or separation of the axle and spindle can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will inspect the axle serial numbers, and replace the axles as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed on October 31, 2022. Owners may contact HD Trailer's customer service at 1-903-491-6759.

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:

As required in Part 573.6, please amend the chronology to provide a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information (such as the numbers of deaths and/or injuries), with their dates of receipt. If claim count exceeds 10 claims, please provide the total number of claims, and a receipt date range for those claims. Please include any applicable dates such as when HD Trailer learned of the recall and the date HD Trailer decided to file.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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.

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 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.

HD Trailer MFG. LLC '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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Ansley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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