



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

October 24, 2022

Chad Dow  
Owner  
Innovative Specialties LLC  
140 Business Ct  
Pittsfield, ME 04967

NEF-107MR  
22V-783

**Subject:** Deteriorating Rubber May Cause Axle Misalignment

Dear Chad Dow:

This letter serves to acknowledge Innovative Specialties 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:**

EDGE TRAILERS/DT/2022-2023  
EDGE TRAILERS/NC/2022-2023  
EDGE TRAILERS/NCH/2022-2023  
EDGE TRAILERS/NCHCC/2022-2023  
EDGE TRAILERS/OCH/2022-2023  
NITRO TRAILERS/DT/2022-2023  
NITRO TRAILERS/NIS/2022-2023  
NITRO TRAILERS/OCH/2022-2023  
NITRO TRAILERS/SC/2022-2023  
NITRO TRAILERS/SCC/2022-2023  
NITRO TRAILERS/SCH/2022-2023  
NITRO TRAILERS/SIS/2022-2023

**Mfr's Report Date:** October 19, 2022

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 22V-783

**Components:**

SUSPENSION: MULTIPLE AXLE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 630

**Problem Description:**

Innovative Specialties LLC (Innovative Specialties) is recalling certain 2022-2023 Nitro and Edge trailers. The rubber installed between the axle and trailer frame may deteriorate.

**Consequence:**

Deteriorated rubber may allow the axle to shift, causing a misalignment and increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Dealers will remove the rubber and bolt the axle directly to the frame, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed November 28, 2022. Owners may contact Innovative Specialties customer service at 1-207-487-2300 or [innovativespecialties@gmail.com](mailto:innovativespecialties@gmail.com).

**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](http://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 also include all applicable dates, such as when Innovative Specialties learned of the defect and when they decided to file a recall.

**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.**

Per the requirements of 573.6(c)(2)(iv), please provide the supplier name, contact information, address and country of origin (if known) for the affected component(s). If your company manufactured the component itself, then please state so in 573.

**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.

Innovative Specialties 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 blue ink that reads "Alex Ansley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a checkmark-like flourish at the end.

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