



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

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NEF-107DC
23V-767

Subject: Mid-Beam on Trailer Chassis May Crack

Dear Barry Hines:

This letter serves to acknowledge Pratt Intermodal Chassis'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:

PRATT INTERMODAL CHASSIS/GN30402-EC-6P/2022-2023

Mfr's Report Date: November 13, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V-767

Components:

STRUCTURE:BODY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 320

Problem Description:

Pratt Intermodal Chassis (Pratt) is recalling certain 2022-2023 GN30402-EC-6P container chassis trailers. When the chassis is in the 20-foot configuration, the mid-beam of the chassis may bend or crack when fully loaded or when the 20-foot container is overloaded.

Consequence:

A cracked or bent mid-beam can result in load separation or complete failure of the trailer, increasing the risk of a crash or injury.

Remedy:

The chassis mid-beam will be inspected for cracks and if no cracks are found, modified to be used in the 40-foot position. If cracks are found, the trailer cannot be used. Repairs will be performed free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed in November 2023. Owners may contact Pratt customer service at 1-269-262-0933. Pratt's number for this recall is 2023-00001.

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.

Per the requirements of 49 USC 30119, please provide the part number, name and description of the component or components involved in this recall. This information should be provided in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section.

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A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)). Please explain what the remedy will be when it is determined that a trailer cannot remain on the road.

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 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

Pratt Intermodal Chassis's contact for this recall will be Debora Crews who may be reached by email at debora.crews@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