

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 23V-368

**Manufacturer Name :** Fontaine Trailer Company**Submission Date :** JUL 10, 2023**NHTSA Recall No. :** 23V-368**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

**Manufacturer Name :** Fontaine Trailer Company  
**Address :** 430 Letson Industrial Road  
 Haleyville AL 35565  
**Company phone :** 800-821-6535

**Population :**

**Number of potentially involved :** 545  
**Estimated percentage with defect :** 100 %

**Vehicle Information :****Vehicle 1 :** 2023-2024 Fontaine HACCFON51CTS**Vehicle Type :** TRAILERS**Body Style :** OTHER**Power Train :** NR

**Descriptive Information :** The recall population includes all 40 ft container chassis of the model listed (873 units) less the units that were still at our facility that were updated to be in compliance with FMVSS 108 (328 units) leaving 545 units to be recalled and corrected.

**Production Dates :** AUG 22, 2022 - APR 13, 2023

<b>VIN Range 1 :</b> Begin : 13NJ412A5P1560357	<b>End :</b> 13NJ412A0P1560606	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sequential
<b>VIN Range 2 :</b> Begin : 13NJ412A6R1560676	<b>End :</b> 13NJ412A0R1560754	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sequential
<b>VIN Range 3 :</b> Begin : 13NJ412A4R1560756	<b>End :</b> 13NJ412A5R1560765	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sequential
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<b>VIN Range 5 :</b> Begin : 13NJ412A0R1560821	<b>End :</b> 13NJ412A8R1560825	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sequential
<b>VIN Range 6 :</b> Begin : 13NJ412A3R1560845	<b>End :</b> 13NJ412A1R1560925	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sequential
<b>VIN Range 7 :</b> Begin : 13NJ412AXR1564133	<b>End :</b> 13NJ412AXR1564147	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sequential
<b>VIN Range 8 :</b> Begin : 13NJ412A9R1564172	<b>End :</b> 13NJ412A0R1564271	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sequential

**Description of Noncompliance :**

**Description of the Noncompliance :** The red Reflex Reflectors located on the rear of the chassis as far apart as practicable per FMVSS 108 Table 1-B were omitted during production. The red Reflex Reflectors located on the side as far to the rear as practicable per FMVSS 108 Table 1B may have also been omitted on some units.

**FMVSS 1 :** 108 - Lamps, reflective devices, and assoc. Equipment**FMVSS 2 :** NR**Description of the Safety Risk :** The missing red Reflex Reflectors are a requirement under FMVSS 108. As a

**Description of the Safety Risk :** result, the trailers in question are currently out of compliance with the standard. Missing rear reflex reflectors reduce the trailers visibility to other drivers, increasing risk of a crash.

**Description of the Cause :** The red Reflex Reflectors located at the rear of the chassis were not installed during production as required per FMVSS 108 requirements.

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** NR

## Involved Components :

**Component Name 1 :** Red Reflex Reflector

**Component Description :** Red Reflex Reflector Grote PN 41142-3 Red

**Component Part Number :** Fontaine PN 51457010

## Supplier Identification :

### Component Manufacturer

**Name :** NR

**Address :** NR

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**Country :** NR

## Chronology :

During a Sales Call in April involving a walk-around of a recent production 40 ft Chassis with a potential new Customer, it was brought to Fontaine's attention that the unit may not be in compliance with FMVSS 108 Reflector requirements. Subsequent review of "like" units located at the Fontaine facility confirmed that the red Reflex Reflectors on the rear corners had been omitted during production of the units.

## Description of Remedy :

**Description of Remedy Program :** Fontaine will supply all affected customers with 4 red Reflex Reflectors per unit to correct the units in their possession. Fontaine will cover all costs associated with making the vehicles compliant per FMVSS 108 requirements. Contact Information is provided in the customer notification letter. These are new vehicles and the cost associated with this recall are covered under the manufacturers warranty program.

**How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :** The remedy will involve installing red Reflex Reflectors that were omitted during production.

**Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :** The production personnel, quality personnel and Production Supervisors were re-trained on FMVSS 108 requirements to prevent future mishaps.

### Recall Schedule :

**Description of Recall Schedule :** Fontaine will solicit the customer sites that need to have product provided and will supply needed product in quantities adequate to service the customer sites. Fontaine has inventory on hand to service the affected units.

**Planned Dealer Notification Date :** JUN 05, 2023 - JUN 09, 2023

**Planned Owner Notification Date :** JUN 15, 2023 - JUN 16, 2023

\* NR - Not Reported