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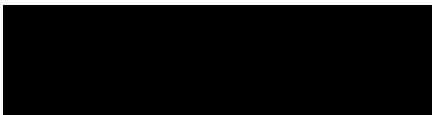
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March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

## IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

This notice applies to your vehicle(s), VIN :

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]



Attention: To the owner of the semi-trailer(s)

Re: Defect Notice by ABS Remorques Inc.– NHTSA Recall #23V-005  
Defect relating to coupling plate weakness in semi-trailers made between 2014 and 2023

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the *National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act*.

ABS Remorques Inc. (“ABS”) has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain ABS semi-trailers manufactured between March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 and December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 in Val-des-Sources, Quebec (Canada) (the “Affected Units”).

### ! I M P O R T A N T !

- Your ABS semi-trailer(s) listed in *Appendix A* is(are) being recalled.
- Please contact us as soon as possible to coordinate the correction of your affected semi-trailer(s).

SEE **APPENDIX A** FOR THE LIST OF YOUR AFFECTED UNITS

#### **Description of defect and risk to motor vehicle safety:**

The defect consists of the potential weakness of the coupling plate leading to a premature deterioration of the said plate and may lead to the king pin to fail.

It has been determined that under certain load conditions, the coupling plate may show signs of premature deterioration such as tears, weaknesses, damages, bending, and loose, missing, or other signs of abnormal wear, tear or any breakage or damage which may result in the king pin to fail. If this condition occurs, the semi-trailer could detach from the tractor and therefore the semi-trailer could become uncontrollable for the operator with the



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possibility of overturning or blocking the road. This condition can cause injuries, property damage, bodily injury, and death.

### **Precautions you should take:**

Owner/operator **should immediately proceed with a visual inspection** (see the visual inspection procedure attached) of their Affected Units for any indication of tears, weaknesses, damages, bending, loose, missing or signs of abnormal wear, tear or any breakage or damage that may result in the king pin to fail. In such case, semi-trailer owners shall not operate their semi-trailer and shall communicate immediately with ABS to take all measures in order to proceed with the appropriate repair.

### **Remedial actions/measures:**

The coupling plate will be replaced. The repair must be performed at an ABS authorized facility and will be at no cost to the owners. Repairs are expected to take between 8 and 10 hours to complete. Semi-trailer owners must take their equipment to any repair shop ABS has approved. ABS will consider authorizing additional facilities if there are none in an owner's area. Repair instructions and required replacement parts, if any, will be provided to all authorized service centers that will execute the correction.

If you are the **lessor of this vehicle**, please forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days to comply with federal regulations.

Also, if you are **no longer the owner** of the Affected Units, please provide ABS with the contact information of the current owner(s).

If you have already paid to have your semi-trailers repaired in relation with the present recall, you may be eligible for reimbursement of the charges you paid for the repair. To learn more about what you need to do to obtain reimbursement, call ABS customer service at 819-879-6216 desk 212 or by email at [garantie@abstrailers.com](mailto:garantie@abstrailers.com).

### **Complaints:**

If, after having attempted to take advantage of this recall, you believe you have not been able to have your Affected Units remedied without charge and within a reasonable amount of time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this safety recall may cause, but safety is our first concern. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding the foregoing.

Sincerely,

**ABS REMORQUES INC.**  
**WARRANTY DEPARTMENT**

Attached:  
Visual Inspection Procedure of the Coupling Plate



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**APPENDIX A – LIST OF VIN NUMBERS FOR ABS SEMI-TRAILERS AFFECTED BY  
RECALL #23V-005**

**Your Affected semi-trailers involved in the recall are the following:**

<b>Make</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>VIN</b>
ABS	LRC339USA	2022	
ABS	RC339-USA	2022	
ABS	LRC339-USA	2022	
ABS	LRC339	2023	
ABS	LRC339 USA	2023	
ABS	LRC339-USA	2023	
ABS	LRC339-USA	2023	
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