

11 April, 2023

Office of Defects Investigation
U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590

Submitted Via: NHTSA Web Site Portal

Re: **Report on Defect and Recall Campaign # 23V009**

Dear NHTSA;

Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6 please accept this letter as our report regarding our recall campaign to correct a defect found in the load securement winches on 38 of Class 8 semi-trailers manufactured by Prestige Trailers and Lode King and, sold or imported into the United States. In parallel we are also recalling 282 of these trailers sold in Canada under Transport Canada Recall Campaign # 2023-004.

Details are as follows:

- a. For this recall campaign there have been no claims from the owners or end users because of this defect. There are also no death or injury claims coming from this defect.
- b. We came upon this defect as a result of our ongoing quality audit procedure. We learned of the problem during the week of 9 – 13 January, the week prior to our notification letter of 13 January, 2023.
- c. The affected cargo winch installation is identified by our part number 70AD0455. The problem is the welding used to secure this device onto the side rail of the trailer – there is a weld missing along the end of the winch body.

- d. Our plan for corrective action is simply to have the customers take their trailer to their dealer to have the missing weld added. We will cover the costs of performing this corrective action. The owners of these trailers will not be charged for this work. We have also advised these owners that if they wish to perform the welding work themselves, we will reimburse the costs of their effort. We have provided contact information for the owners to get in touch directly with our Service & Warranty Manager to make arrangement for this reimbursement.

Our point of contact here at Prestige Trailers will be the undersigned, Director of Engineering. We trust you find this report satisfactory. If you require any further information please advise and we will respond.

Yours truly,
Prestige Trailers
D. Roy MacLean, P.Eng.
Director of Engineering