



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

February 16, 2024

Ms. Stephanie Townsend  
Sales, Parts and Warranty  
Belmont Trailers LLC  
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Leola, PA 17540

NEF-107HG  
24V-105

**Subject:** Spindle Mount May Crack and Separate from Arm

Dear Ms. Townsend:

This letter serves to acknowledge Belmont Trailers 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:**

BELMONT TRAILER/FLATRAK/2023-2024

**Mfr's Report Date:** February 13, 2024

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 24V-105

**Components:**

STEERING:LINKAGES:KNUCKLE:SPINDLE:ARM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 56

**Problem Description:**

Belmont Trailers LLC (Belmont) is recalling certain 2023-2024 FlatTrak trailers. The spindle mount may crack, resulting in the spindle mount and spindle arm separating.

**Consequence:**

A spindle arm that separates from the spindle mount can cause a loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Dealers will repair the spindle, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed February 19, 2024. Owners may contact Belmont customer service at 1-717-556-0040.

**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(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including 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.

**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.

**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.**

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.**

We have received Belmont's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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.

Belmont Trailers LLC's contact for this recall will be Hensly Guerra who may be reached by email at [hensly.guerra1@dot.gov](mailto:hensly.guerra1@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alex Ansley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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