

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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McClain Trailers, Inc.
7203 Cowart
PO Box 202077

NEF-107HG
24V-409

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Incorrect GVWR Label on Trailer Brake Actuator

Dear Mr. McClain:

Houston, TX 77220-2077

This letter serves to acknowledge McClain Trailers, Inc.'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:

MCCLAIN/BOAT TRAILER/2024

Mfr's Report Date: June 6, 2024

NHTSA Campaign Number: 24V-409

Components:

EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 140

Problem Description:

McClain Trailers Inc. (McClain Trailers) is recalling certain 2024 10K, 12K, 15K, and 18K boat trailers. The Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) listed on the trailer brake actuator is incorrect, which can allow it to become overloaded.

Consequence:

An overloaded trailer brake actuator can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy

McClain Trailers will mail corrected labels to owners, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed June 28, 2024. Owners may contact McClain Trailers customer service at 1-713-675-2761.

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.

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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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.

McClain Trailers, Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Hensly Guerra who may be reached by email at hensly.guerra1@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation

Enforcement

