



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

October 22, 2024

Mr. Anthony Estep
Aluminum Trailer Company (ATC)
751 N Tomahawk Trail
Nappanee, IN 46650

NEF-107HG
24V-779

Subject: Trailer Tongue May Break and Separate from Trailer

Dear Mr. Estep:

This letter serves to acknowledge Aluminum Trailer Company (ATC)'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:

ATC/CAR HAULER/2013-2025
ATC/STACKER/2017-2025

Mfr's Report Date: October 18, 2024

NHTSA Campaign Number: 24V-779

Components:

STRUCTURE:FRAME AND MEMBERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,590

Problem Description:

Aluminum Trailer Company (ATC) is recalling certain 2013-2025 Car Hauler and 2017-2025 Stacker vehicles. Stress may crack and break the A-frame tongue, separating the tongue from the trailer.

Consequence:

A separated trailer tongue can cause a loss of control and increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will weld additional supports to the tongue tubes, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed December 9, 2024. Owners may call ATC customer service at 1-877-441-2440 ext. 342.

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 [nhtsa.gov](https://www.nhtsa.gov).

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).

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.

Aluminum Trailer Company (ATC)'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