

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

24V-105

Manufacturer Name : Belmont Trailers LLC**Submission Date :** MAR 20, 2024**NHTSA Recall No. :** 24V-105**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR**Manufacturer Information :**

Manufacturer Name : Belmont Trailers LLC

Address : 40 Hess Road

Leola PA 17540

Company phone : 5560040

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 56

Estimated percentage with defect : 90 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2023-2024 Belmont Trailers FlatTrak

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Change of the process of mounting the spindle was put into effect 09/01/2022. No problems with cracking happened the original way the spindle was mounted. This allowed Belmont Trailers to narrow down which trailers were affected.

Production Dates : SEP 01, 2022 - FEB 09, 2024

VIN Range 1 : Begin :

NR

End : NR

☐ Not sequential**Description of Defect :**

Description of the Defect : Poor welds can start cracking causing the spindle to separate from the arm. This increases the risk of a crash.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : Spindle Mount can become cracked and separate from the arm increasing the risk of a crash.

Description of the Cause : NR

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : FlatTrak Spindle

Component Description : #42 Spindle, 2.25" Diameter, 7K

Component Part Number : 103242

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Belmont Trailers

Address : 40 Hess Road

Leola Pennsylvania 17540

Country : United States

Chronology :

When first cracks were discovered, we made some calls to get some local trailers back to evaluate. We decided to do a complete recall when there was more than one trailer with the defect.

January 4, 2024 - Belmont was contacted by a trailer owner that they had had an issue while on the road. Trailer was pulled over to the side of the road and raised with a jack. Wheel was able to be pulled off by hand. Owner managed to safely get the empty trailer home.

January 10, 2024 - Belmont Trailers picked up the trailer and evaluated the issue. Trailer showed the weld had failed on the spindle. While this trailer was in the shop, Belmont reached out to local owners to request that we could evaluate their trailers to see if this was an isolated incident.

January 15, 2024 - A bulletin was sent out to dealers requesting owner information and visual inspections on trailers on their lot.

January 25, 2024 - Belmont Trailers met with insurance rep and a rep from NATM on recall standards.

February 9, 2024 - Trailer owner in Oklahoma experienced a weld failure. Owner safely returned trailer home.

February 13, 2024 - Belmont filed recall report with NHTSA.

No injuries or deaths have been reported.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program :	Belmont will assist in locating a reputable place to have the spindles grinded out and re-welded. This will be at no charge to the customer. Repair instructions as well as a brake flanges and attaching hardware will be supplied to the repair location. Bills submitted to Belmont will be paid upon receipt. Estimated repair time is 4 hours. Reimbursement will be provided if the recall was complete already. If vehicles are still under warranty, reimbursement will not be needed.
How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :	An extra weld with be applied on either side to ensure a strong bond.
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :	Upon discovery of the first spindle weld failure, the welding process was evaluated, and extra steps are now in place to ensure a strong weld.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule :	02/19/2024 Sent letters to all owners of the FlatTrak 03/11/2024 Begin assisting owners with locations for repairs 03/22/2024 Begin sending brake flanges to dealers and repair shops
Planned Dealer Notification Date :	FEB 19, 2024 - MAR 19, 2024
Planned Owner Notification Date :	FEB 19, 2024 - MAR 19, 2024

* NR - Not Reported