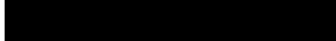


05 February, 2024



Re: **Notice of Defect and Recall Campaign # 24V-021**

## ***IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL***

This notice applies to your Prestige trailer VIN: 

Dear Prestige Customer;

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Prestige Trailers has decided that certain 2019, 2021– 2023 Lode King AHV45-3 and 2024 Prestige AHV50-3 model hopper bottom trailers fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 121, "Air Brake Systems".

Details are as follows:

- a. These trailers have tridem axle suspensions in a hopper bottom configuration for hauling grain. This non-compliance relates to the Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS) on your trailer. Specifically, it is possible the wheel end sensors cables of the ABS system are incorrectly connected to ABS computer module. The vehicle system that is affected is the air brakes on your trailer and, particularly the ABS portion of the brake system.
- b. The effect of this non-compliance is that during a braking event, if wheel slip/skidding is detected by one of the ABS sensors the computer will respond by modulating the air brakes on the opposite side of the trailer.
- c. In the event of a panic stop or on a slippery road surface, you may find poor braking performance. The risk that would arise is the effectiveness of the braking action during a wheel slip/skid event would be significantly reduced, potentially leading to a crash. The ABS fault light at the rear roadside corner of the trailer will not be illuminated because of this discrepancy.

- a. The corrective action for this deficiency is to trace the sensor cables from the wheel ends back to the ABS computer and reconnect them to the correct connections. This can be done at no cost to you at your Prestige Trailers or Lode King dealer or, if you wish to do it yourself, please contact our Service and Warranty Manager noted below to make arrangements for the detailed instructions and cost reimbursement.
- b. We estimate it should take one (1) hour of labor time to correct this problem.
- c. If you are a semi-trailer lessor, Federal Law requires that any lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten (10) working days. If you know the current owner or operator, please forward this letter to them.

If you believe that Prestige Trailers or Lode King or our dealer has failed to or is unable to remedy this defect at no cost to you, you may submit a complaint to:

The Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE., Washington D.C. 20590

Or you may call them toll-free at the Vehicle Safety Hotline 1-888-327-4236

Or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>

If you are a lessor of a trailer covered under this Recall, you are required to send this notification to your lessee, by first class mail within 10 days of receipt of this notification.

Our point of contact here at Prestige Trailers for this Recall will be Mr. Randall Siemens, Customer Service & Warranty Manager, at 1-866-797-0669.

We look forward to working with you to swiftly address this issue and get this corrective action in place.

Yours truly,  
Prestige Trailers