



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

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Washington, DC 20590

March 6, 2025

Mr. David McKee
Big Tex Trailer Manufacturing, Inc.
14131 Midway Road
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Addison, TX 75001

NEF-107HG
25V-136

Subject: Incorrectly Installed Winch May Detach

Dear Mr. McKee:

This letter serves to acknowledge Big Tex Trailer Manufacturing, 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:

BIG TEX/14RB/2025
BIG TEX/14RD/2025
BIG TEX/16RB/2025
BIG TEX/16RD/2025

Mfr's Report Date: February 28, 2025

NHTSA Campaign Number: 25V-136

Components:

EQUIPMENT:MECHANICAL:WINCH

Potential Number of Units Affected: 48

Problem Description:

Big Tex Trailer Manufacturing, Inc. (Big Tex Trailer) is recalling certain 14RB, 14RD, 16RB, and 16RD trailers. The winch mounting hardware may be undersized and allow the winch to detach from the winch mount.

Consequence:

A winch that detaches can result in falling cargo, creating a road hazard and increasing the risk of a crash or injury.

Remedy:

Dealers will inspect and repair the winch, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed April 25, 2025. Owners may contact Big Tex Trailer customer service at 1-800-594-5637.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236 (TTY 888-275-9171) or go to 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.

Big Tex Trailer Manufacturing, 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