



U.S. Department of Transportation

**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

June 18, 2025

25V385

Mitchell Robbins
Vanguard National Trailer Corporation
717 East Quarry Road
Monon, IN 47959

Subject: Pintle Hook Box Assembly May Crack

Dear Mitchell Robbins:

This letter serves to acknowledge Vanguard National Trailer Corporation'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:

VANGUARD/VXP/2021-2023

Mfr's Report Date: June 11, 2025

NHTSA Campaign Number: 25V385

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,192

Problem Description:

Vanguard National Trailer Corporation (Vanguard) is recalling all 2021-2023 VXP 28-Foot Pup trailers. The pintle hook box assembly may crack or break, reducing the trailer's stability while being towed.

Consequence:

Trailer instability can cause a loss of control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Vanguard will inspect and repair the pintle hook box assembly as necessary, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a schedule for recall notification. Owners may contact Vanguard customer service at 1-888-253-3008.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-888-275-9171), or go to www.nhtsa.gov.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:**Planned Notification Begin and End Dates Not Supplied**

Provide the estimated date(s) for which your company will notify owners regarding this safety recall as required by (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii), in an amended Part 573 Recall Report through the NHTSA Recalls Portal. If there are no owners involved in this recall, please indicate No Owners using the checkbox on an amended 573 report.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

We have received your proposed owner notification letter and it is approved for distribution.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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.

Vanguard National Trailer Corporation'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

Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement