



U.S. Department of Transportation

**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

July 15, 2025

25V465

Sean Gray
Malibu Boats, LLC

Subject: Loss of Brake Function from Brake Line Fracture

Dear Sean Gray:

This letter serves to acknowledge Malibu Boats, LLC'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:

MALIBU BOATS/TRIPLE AXLE BOAT TRAILER/2021-2026

Mfr's Report Date: July 11, 2025

NHTSA Campaign Number: 25V465

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,001

Problem Description:

Malibu Boats, LLC (Malibu Boats) is recalling certain 2021-2026 Triple Axle Boat Trailers. The brake line may fracture at the connection point to the caliper, causing a loss of brake function.

Consequence:

A loss of brake function increases the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will repair the brake lines, free of charge. The recall schedule has not yet been determined. Owners may contact Malibu Boats customer service at 1-865-458-5478.

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:

Remedy Not Supplied

Provide a description of the recall remedy as required by 49 CFR §573.6(8)(i), in an amended Part 573 Recall Report through the NHTSA Recalls Portal.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Involved Component Not Supplied

Provide the part number, name and description of the component(s) involved in this recall as required by 49 USC § 30119 in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section through the NHTSA Recalls Portal.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Dealer Notification Not Supplied / Dealer Notification Date Missing

Provide a copy of the recall notification issued to your dealers as required by 49 CFR §577.13. Any communications issued to your dealers must be submitted through the NHTSA Recalls Portal along with their issuance date. If you do not have a dealer network, please indicate No Dealers using the checkbox on an amended 573 report.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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.

Risk Identification Not Supplied

Identify and describe the risk to motor vehicle safety related to the defect or noncompliance as required by 49 CFR 573.6 (c)(5). All filings should state an increased risk of either a crash, injury, or fire, and should be provided in an amended Part 573 Recall Report through the NHTSA Recalls Portal.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Reimbursement Plan Not Supplied

Provide a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of your company's notification of owners, purchasers, and dealers, in accordance with 49 CFR 573.13. Your company's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. If your company submits one or more general reimbursement plans, your company shall update each plan every two years (49 CFR 573.13). If the vehicles are new and would be covered under the manufacturer's warranty program, please state that in the reimbursement section of an amended Part 573 Recall Report through the NHTSA Recalls Portal.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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.

Malibu Boats, LLC's contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at KRISTIN.LEPPER@DOT.GOV. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Alex Ansley

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Enforcement