



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

## Part 573 Safety Recall Report

## 25V465

**Manufacturer Name:** Malibu Boats, LLC

**Submission Date:** Sep 08, 2025

**NHTSA Recall No.:** 25V465

**Manufacturer Recall No.:** RB\_02MC\_070725

### Manufacturer Information

### Population

**Manufacturer Name:** Malibu Boats, LLC

**Address:** 5075 Kimberly Way  
Loudon TN, 37774

**Total number of potentially involved:** 2,001

**Estimated percentage with defect:** 2%

### Vehicle Information

**Vehicle 1:** 2021-2026 MALIBU BOATS TRIPLE AXLE BOAT TRAILER

**Product Category:** Trailers

**Product Type:** Boat Trailer

**Fuel / Propulsion:**

**Production Dates:** Sep 21, 2020 - Jun 10, 2025

**Number of potentially involved:** 2,001

**Descriptive Information:**

Suspect trailers include all triple-axle variants of Malibu Boats trailers produced between 09/21/2020 and 06/10/2025.

### Defect / Noncompliance Description

**Description of the defect or noncompliance:**

Type of brake line used in manufacturing may allow for the potential of the brake line to fracture at the connection point to the caliper.

**FMVSS1:**

**FMVSS2:**

**Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:**

In the event of a potential brake line failure, there would be brake loss on the trailer. The defect would not lead to brake loss on the towing vehicle, but could impact brake stopping time/distance, and increase the risk of crash.

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## Description of the cause:

The cause of the defect is the use of the incorrect type of brake line. The suspect trailers use solid brake lines from the master cylinder to each caliper, excluding junctions. The lines are believed to be inadequately supported and the rigidity of this system may allow for the potential of the brake lines to fracture at the connection to the calipers.

## Identification of any warning that can occur:

If a line has completely fractured, the owner can verify the failure has occurred, as the brake line will be physically disconnected from the caliper. In the case of a partial fracture, brake fluid may be present at or near the connection points between the brake lines and calipers. A loss of braking can be felt by the driver of the tow vehicle during towing as an abnormal "surge" of the trailer on the tow vehicle when initiating braking.

## Component Manufacturer

**Tier of Supplier:**

**Supplier Type:**

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Country:**

## Involved Components

**Component Name 1:** Passenger-Side Brake Line

**Component Description:** 72" long 3/16" diameter brake tube

**Component Part Number:** 6841022

## Chronology

6/23/25 – Sales sends email to factory from dealership stating they had a boat trailer where "brake line came off and [was] hanging" and they "have seen this 3 or 4 times".

6/23/25 – Prototype/R&D trailers on-site inspected and potential root causes theorized, suspecting excess line bend configuration/location as the likely cause.

6/27/25 – Received email with additional photos of another trailer with a similar issue.

6/30/25 – Internal meeting to discuss what additional information needed for investigation and corrective action.

7/1/25 – Warranty data pulled for review, which revealed additional instances of similar failure mode at other dealerships. Review also revealed that based on production dates, likely cause was removal of rubber hose connections and conversion to direct solid-line connections.

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7/1/25 – Reviewed timeline of changes to braking system, which revealed solid line conversion occurred on 9/21/2020.

7/2/25 – Pulled comprehensive list of suspect trailers from 9/21/20 to date.

7/2/25 – Met internally to discuss a plan for corrective action.

7/3/25 – Met with outside counsel to determine requirements for reporting in accordance with applicable regulations. Company made the determination that a safety defect exists and there is need to self-report.

**Related NHTSA Recall Number:**

## Description of Remedy

**Remedy Type:** Repair

**Consumer Advisories:**  Do Not Drive  Park Outside

**Description of remedy program:**

Malibu will repair the affected trailers using the repair procedures developed and communicated to dealers, which involves retro-fitting the connections of the brake lines to each caliper to include a flexible rubber section of hose, that replicates the system design utilized prior to the 9/21/2020 change. Malibu will also agree to reimburse any customer who purchased one of the potentially affected trailers who fixed or attempted to fix the binding issue at his or her own cost before Malibu notified NHTSA or issued its owner notifications.

**How remedy component differs from recalled component:**

The remedy components include a flexible rubber section of hose at the connections of the brake lines to each caliper, that the recalled component design does not use.

**Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:**

Malibu corrected this problem in its trailer manufacturing by implementing the type of brake line utilized prior to the 9/21/2020 change, which incorporates a flexible rubber section of hose connecting the steel brake line to the caliper at each wheel.

## Reimbursement Plan

**Description of reimbursement program:**

All vehicles affected by this recall remain within the original manufacturer warranty period. As such, any necessary repairs related to this recall will be performed at no cost to the customer. If reimbursement is applicable for any pre-notification remedy, it will be processed through an authorized dealer in accordance with the standard warranty claim procedures.

**Period of reimbursement:**

**Part 573 Safety Recall Report****25V465****Costs to be reimbursed:****Address for reimbursement claims:****Recall Schedule****Description of recall schedule:**

Malibu anticipates that owner letters will be sent out within 45 days of NHTSA sending a written acknowledgement letter to Malibu, approving the contents of this safety defect report. A final copy of owner letter will be provided to NHTSA, along with repair procedures. All repairs will be completed within 60 days of a customer presenting its trailer to Malibu for repair.

**Planned Dealer Notification Date:** Aug 11, 2025 - Aug 11, 2025  No Dealers

**Planned Interim Owner Notification Date:**  No Owners

**Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date:** Sep 08, 2025 - Sep 08, 2025  Phased Recall

**Date when VIN will be searchable:**