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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V132

Manufacturer Name: ESCAPE TRAILER INDUSTRIES LTD.

Submission Date: Mar 05, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V132

Manufacturer Recall No.:

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: ESCAPE TRAILER
INDUSTRIES LTD.

Address: 43851 Industrial Way
Chilliwack, BC Foreign
States, V2R4L2

Total number of potentially involved: 324

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2025-2025 Escape E17, E19, E21, E5.0

Product Category: Trailers

Product Type: Recreational Trailers

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Jan 01, 2025 - Dec 05, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 324

Descriptive Information:

Escape Trailer Industries has identified that a limited number of spare tire carriers supplied by a third-party manufacturer may contain a weld condition that could result in failure of the carrier assembly. In the event of such a failure, the spare tire carrier could detach from the trailer.

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

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FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

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Risk could include injury or death if carrier detaches during travel.

Description of the cause:

Improper weld point

Identification of any warning that can occur:

No Warning

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier: Tier 1

Supplier Type: Distributor

Name: Level Fab

Address: #103 44088 Progress Way
Chilliwack Foreign States, V2R 0W3

Country: Canada

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Spare Tire Carrier

Component Description:

Component Part Number:

Chronology

December 5th 2025 - Escape contacted by customer that their spare tire carrier had gone missing from trailer, they provided pictures of weld spot

December 6th - Escape contacted supplier to start investigation about potential soft weld spot. It was unknown if all stock was affected.

December 8th - Escape initiated a stop on all spare tire carriers installation and procured new stock from supplier to start switching out on trailers on site as a safety measure. Supplier pulled all stock from Escape site and replaced with new stock.

Dec 10th - Supplier had informed that a minimal amount of Purchase Orders were affected and believed to be only received in August, Escape replaced all units affected by those dates.

February 20th - Escape was contacted by a customer that their spare tire carrier was missing, provided pictures that look the same at the weld spot. Their trailer had been built in Jan of 2025.

February 21 - Escape contacts supplier to inform of additional unit affected. Supplier and Escape come to the agreement of all units being pulled off site, the supplier creating new ones with a stamp verifying

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that it is a new supply with improved weld point.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Replace

Consumer Advisories: ☒ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

Required training of welders to new specs: Because the HSS is a thinner gauge and without millscale, the weld puddle is drawn to bonding to the hss rather than the base plate. To ensure this doesn't happen on future brackets, all base plates are now mill scale free to ensure a permanent weld bond, and destructive testing on every batch that goes out.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

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Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

The welds themselves did not fail, the connection to base plate failed. This is due to mill scale and lack of penetration by the welder to the base plate. This is an oversight by the welder.

Reimbursement Plan

Description of reimbursement program:

Contact the Escape Trailer After Sales Department to receive a new spare tire carrier. Please reach out the through one of the two following methods. a. Web page (<https://escapetrailer.com/after-sales-support/>)

Telephone: 604-703-1650

A replacement spare tire carrier meeting Escape Trailer Industries' current specifications will then be shipped to you. New mounting bolts, washers and nyloc nuts will also be included.

Period of reimbursement:

Costs to be reimbursed:

The replacement procedure is straightforward and can typically be completed by you using basic hand tools. However, if you choose not to perform the replacement yourself, you may have both the removal and installation completed by a certified RV technician. If an RV technician is used, Escape Trailer

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Industries will reimburse you for a reasonable amount (i.e approx. one hour) for this installation upon submission of a paid invoice.

Address for reimbursement claims:

43851 Industrial Way
Chilliwack Foreign States, V2R 4L2

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Email to customers with affected VIN to be sent March 9th 2026.
Letters sent to owners affected via Registered Mail on March 9th 2026.

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Mar 09, 2026 - Mar 09, 2026 ☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: Mar 09, 2026 - Mar 09, 2026 ☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Mar 09, 2026 - Mar 09, 2026 ☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Mar 09, 2026