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Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V505

Manufacturer Name: ESCAPE TRAILER INDUSTRIES LTD.

Submission Date: Aug 04, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V505

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: 25

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2026-2026 ESCAPE E13

Product Category: Trailers

Product Type: Recreational Trailers

Fuel / Propulsion: Electric Battery Power

Production Dates: Jan 01, 2026 - Dec 31, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 10

Descriptive Information:

The recall population consists of all 2026 Escape E13 travel trailers manufactured between January 1, 2026 and July 31, 2026 that were equipped with the original refrigerator compartment ventilation configuration. During an internal engineering review and subsequent validation testing, Escape Trailer Industries determined that the ventilation design may not provide adequate airflow around the refrigerator cooling unit under certain operating conditions. Reduced ventilation can result in elevated temperatures within the refrigerator compartment, potentially affecting refrigerator performance and increasing the risk of overheating.

Vehicles included in this recall were identified through production records, engineering configuration records, and VIN traceability. The affected population includes only units built with the original ventilation design prior to implementation of the revised ventilation system.

Trailers manufactured after implementation of the revised design, or units that received the updated ventilation configuration during production, are not included in this recall because they incorporate the improved ventilation components and airflow path that address the identified condition.

Vehicle 2: 2025-2025 ESCAPE E13

Product Category: Trailers

Product Type: Recreational Trailers

Fuel / Propulsion: Electric Battery Power

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Production Dates: Nov 04, 2025 - Dec 31, 2025

Number of potentially involved: 15

Descriptive Information:

The recall population consists of all 2026 Escape E13 travel trailers manufactured between November 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025 that were equipped with the original refrigerator compartment ventilation configuration. During an internal engineering review and subsequent validation testing, Escape Trailer Industries determined that the ventilation design may not provide adequate airflow around the refrigerator cooling unit under certain operating conditions. Reduced ventilation can result in elevated temperatures within the refrigerator compartment, potentially affecting refrigerator performance and increasing the risk of overheating.

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Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

In certain 2025-2026 Escape E13 F1 travel trailers equipped with absorption refrigerators, the refrigerator cavity may have insufficient ventilation to dissipate heat and exhaust gases during refrigerator operation. Under certain operating conditions, inadequate ventilation may allow combustion gases, including carbon monoxide, to accumulate in or near the refrigerator compartment.

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

Carbon monoxide may enter or accumulate near the occupied space. Because carbon monoxide is odorless and colorless, occupants may not recognize the exposure. Carbon monoxide exposure can cause serious injury or death. Reduced ventilation may also impair refrigerator cooling performance.

Description of the cause:

The refrigerator installation and cavity configuration provide insufficient airflow and heat dissipation for the affected absorption-refrigerator application, limiting the evacuation of heat and combustion gases during operation.

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Reduced refrigerator cooling performance may occur. However, carbon monoxide is odorless and may provide no reliable warning before exposure. A properly functioning carbon monoxide alarm may activate if carbon monoxide reaches the alarm threshold.

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Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:**Supplier Type:****Name:****Address:****Country:**

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Refrigerator cavity ventilation system**Component Description:** Refrigerator installation and cavity ventilation configuration**Component Part Number:** Not applicable

Chronology

May 5, 2026 – Escape Trailer Industries first became aware of the refrigerator ventilation issue.

May 21, 2026 – Escape began its investigation, including evaluation of the refrigerator cavity configuration, ventilation, heat dissipation, and the potential for accumulation of combustion gases.

May 21, 2026 – Based on the investigation, Escape determined that the condition constituted a safety-related defect and decided to conduct a safety recall.

June 6, 2026 – Escape instructed affected owners not to operate the trailer refrigerator while the recall remedy was being prepared.

July 7, 2026 – Escape began producing E13 F1 trailers with the corrected refrigerator-cavity configuration, including a powered ventilation fan, ceramic-fiber insulation in specified areas, and an additional lower exterior refrigerator vent.

No recall repairs had been completed before the remedy became available.

Related NHTSA Recall Number:

Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Repair**Consumer Advisories:** ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

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Description of remedy program:

Escape Trailer Industries will arrange for a certified RV technician at an authorized repair facility to install a refrigerator-cavity ventilation fan, ceramic-fiber insulation in specified areas of the refrigerator cavity, and an additional lower exterior refrigerator vent. The fan and additional vent will increase airflow and the discharge of heat and combustion gases, while the insulation will improve thermal separation. The remedy will be performed free of charge on all affected trailers.

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The recalled configuration does not contain the added powered ventilation fan or the specified ceramic-fiber thermal barrier and has insufficient lower exterior vent area. The remedy configuration adds the fan, insulation, and an additional lower exterior refrigerator vent to improve thermal separation and cavity ventilation.

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

Beginning July 7, 2026, Escape E13 F1 trailers were produced with the corrected refrigerator-cavity configuration, including a powered ventilation fan, ceramic-fiber insulation in specified areas, and an additional lower exterior refrigerator vent.

Reimbursement Plan

Description of reimbursement program:

Escape Trailer Industries will reimburse eligible owners or purchasers who paid for a remedy addressing the refrigerator ventilation defect before receiving the recall notification. Claimants must provide reasonable documentation of the repair and payment. Claims may be initiated through support@escapetrailer.com or mailed to the address below.

Period of reimbursement:

The reimbursement period begins one year before the date Escape Trailer Industries notifies NHTSA of this safety-related defect and ends 10 calendar days after the final owner notification is mailed, in accordance with 49 CFR 573.13(c).

Costs to be reimbursed:

For an eligible motor-vehicle claim, reimbursement will be no less than the lesser of the amount actually paid for the remedy or the cost of necessary remedy parts plus associated labor at local labor rates, miscellaneous fees, and taxes, consistent with 49 CFR 573.13(e).

Address for reimbursement claims:

43851 Industrial Way
British Columbia
Chilliwack Foreign States, V2R 4L2

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Escape has no dealers. On June 6, 2026, affected owners were instructed not to operate the trailer refrigerator. Repair parts are available. The final remedy notification is planned for August 4, 2026 and

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will direct owners to arrange a free repair through Escape at an authorized repair facility. The estimated repair time is two to three hours.

Planned Dealer Notification Date:

☒ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: Jun 06, 2026 - Jun 06, 2026

☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: Aug 04, 2026 - Aug 04, 2026

☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: Aug 04, 2026