



U.S. Department
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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

26V618

Manufacturer Name: Aluminum Trailer Company (ATC)

Submission Date: Sep 25, 2026

NHTSA Recall No.: 26V618

Manufacturer Recall No.:

Manufacturer Information

Population

Manufacturer Name: Aluminum Trailer Company (ATC)

Address: 751 N Tomahawk Trail
Nappanee IN, 46650

Total number of potentially involved: 8

Estimated percentage with defect: 80%

Vehicle Information

Vehicle 1: 2024-2026 ATC RM

Product Category: Trailers

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion:

Production Dates: Sep 23, 2024 - Apr 07, 2026

Number of potentially involved: 8

Descriptive Information:

Any trailer with an OEM installed Gen-Y coupler option

All other trailers were manufactured without a Gen-Y coupler

Defect / Noncompliance Description

Description of the defect or noncompliance:

Gen-Y coupler bolts deforming the aluminum and possibly causing coupler bolts to loosen and causing excessive play in the coupler

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

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

ATC has determined that the Gen-Y coupler option installed on stackers could cause deformation of the

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aluminum and result in the coupler bolts shearing and the coupler becoming detached from the trailer increasing the risk of a crash, injury, or fatality

Description of the cause:

Overtightening the coupler bolts or stress from the Gen-Y coupler causing aluminum deformation resulting in excessive movement of the coupler

Identification of any warning that can occur:

Deformation of the aluminum at the coupler bolts

Component Manufacturer

Tier of Supplier:

Supplier Type:

Name:

Address:

Country: United States

Involved Components

Component Name 1: Gen-Y Coupler

Component Description: Victory Lane (Torsion-Flex) Trailer Coupler - 2K - 3.5K

Component Part Number: GH-10053

Chronology

On Saturday 9/19/2026 a case was reported to warranty that the Gen-y coupler bolts sheared off and the coupler became detached from the trailer. On Tuesday 9/22/2026 an investigation was started by engineering and warranty. After warranty review It was found that this instance is the only one where there was a separation of the Gen-Y coupler from the trailer. We did have a case on 1/29/2026 where a dealer found that an ATC installed Gen-Y hitch had deformation of the aluminum at the bolts. In May of 2026 ATC changed the design of the component that integrates with the Gen Y Coupler. We increased the thickness of the rear mounting plate that the coupler bolts pass through. The motivation for doing this at the time was to decrease the probability that production would over torque the mounting bolts. After the investigation that was initiated on 9/22/2026 and the incident on 9/19/2026 it was determined on 9/25/2026 that recall needed to be filed.

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Description of Remedy

Remedy Type: Repair

Consumer Advisories: ☐ Do Not Drive ☐ Park Outside

Description of remedy program:

ATC will provide a gusset reinforcement parts kit and find an approved service center to perform the remedy

How remedy component differs from recalled component:

The remedied component will have a gusset reinforcement welded to the tongue

Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:

In May of 2026 ATC changed the design of the component that integrates with the Gen Y Coupler. We increased the thickness of the rear mounting plate that the coupler bolts pass through.

Reimbursement Plan

Manufacturer used general reimbursement plan on file.

Recall Schedule

Description of recall schedule:

Dealers will be notified Oct. 12th to Oct.16th by email and US postal mail
Owners will be notified Nov. 16th through Nov. 20th by US postal mail

Planned Dealer Notification Date: Oct 12, 2026 - Oct 16, 2026 ☐ No Dealers

Planned Interim Owner Notification Date: Nov 16, 2026 - Nov 20, 2026 ☐ No Owners

Planned Remedy Owner Notification Date: ☐ Phased Recall

Date when VIN will be searchable: