



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Dan Hill
Quality Control Manager
Fontaine Heavy-Haul
5398 US Highway 11
Springville, AL 35146

NVS-215KS
14V-398

Subject: Missing Welds could cause Detachment of Axles

Dear Mr. Hill:

This letter serves to acknowledge Fontaine Heavy-Haul'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:

FONTAINE/MAGNITUDE 100/2015

Mfr's Report Date: July 1, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-398

Components:

STRUCTURE:FRAME AND MEMBERS

SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:NON-POWERED AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2

Problem Description:

Fontaine Commercial Trailer Inc., doing business as Fontaine Heavy-Haul (Fontaine), is recalling certain 2015 Magnitude 100 lowbed trailers manufactured January 2014 to June 2014. The affected trailer's front bogie axle weldment, rear bogie axle structure, and rear bogie attachment lugs may not have received an adequate number of welds which may result in these components separating from the main structure.

Consequence:

Separation of the components from the main structure increases the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Fontaine will notify owners and the affected trailers will be shipped back to Fontaine for repair, free of charge. The recall began in July 2014. Owners may contact Fontaine Heavy-Haul at 1-205-467-6171.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received Fontaine's proposed owner notification letter and have provided our edits to you. Please provide a representative copy of the final owner letter once it has been mailed.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six 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.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement