



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Jeff Kusch
Director, Customer Service
Mastercraft Boat Company Inc.
100 Cherokee Cove Drive
Vonore, TN 37885

NVS-215SM
15V-253

Subject: Boat Trailer may detach from Tow Vehicle

Dear Mr. Kusch:

This letter serves to acknowledge Mastercraft Boat Company Inc.'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:

MASTERCRAFT/BOAT TRAILER/2015

Mfr's Report Date: April 27, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-253

Components:

TRAILER HITCHES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,740

Problem Description:

Mastercraft Boat Company Inc (Mastercraft) is recalling certain model year 2015 boat trailers manufactured April 1, 2014, to March 11, 2015. The trailer tongue bolt may fail allowing the trailer swing tongue to disengage from the tow ball of the vehicle.

Consequence:

If the trailer tongue disconnects from the tow vehicle, there is an increased risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Mastercraft will notify owners, and dealers will replace the swing tongue bolt and hardware, as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in May 2015. Owners may contact Mastercraft customer service at 1-423-884-2221. Mastercraft's numbers for this recall are RC-01 and RC-02.

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 Mastercraft's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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 required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please amend your provided chronology to include the dates of all of the principal events that were the basis for the determination that a defect related to motor vehicle safety exists.

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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