



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

February 5, 2016

Mr. Troy Stone  
President  
Vintage Trailers Ltd.  
4660 Pine Creek Road  
Elkhart, IN 46516

NVS-215KS  
16V-033

**Subject:** Incorrect GAWR on Federal Label/FMVSS 120

Dear Mr. Stone:

This letter serves to acknowledge Vintage Trailers Ltd.'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:**

VINTAGE/AERO/2009-2016  
VINTAGE/BANDIT/2009-2016  
VINTAGE/CRYSTAL/2009-2016  
VINTAGE/INTIMIDATOR/2009-2016  
VINTAGE/OUTLAW/2009-2016

**Mfr's Report Date:** January 26, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-033

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 373

**Problem Description:**

Vintage Trailers Ltd. (Vintage) is recalling certain model year 2009-2016 Intimidator, Aero, Outlaw, Bandit, and Crystal SS triple axles trailers manufactured May 9, 2008, to September 23, 2015. The affected trailers have a Federal Certification Label that incorrectly lists the gross axle weight rating (GAWR) of each axle as 5,200 pounds when the correct GAWR is 5,080 pounds. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 120, "Wheels and Rims- Other than Passenger Cars."

**Consequence:**

If the operator overloads the trailer past the 15,200 pound gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) limit, axle failure may occur, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Vintage will notify owners and will provide a corrected Federal Certification Label, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin February 9, 2016. Owners may contact Vintage customer service at 1-800-233-5455.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have received Vintage'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.

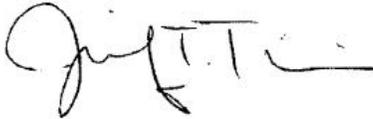
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 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](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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