



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

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NVS-215MR
16V-052

Subject: Tire, Wheel, Hub, and Torsion Arm may Detach

Dear Mr. Gordon:

This letter serves to acknowledge Snake River Trailer Company'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:

SNAKE RIVER/HORSE TRAILER/2015-2016

Mfr's Report Date: January 26, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-052

Components:

SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:NON-POWERED AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 17

Problem Description:

Snake River Trailer Company (Snake) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 Horse Trailers manufactured October 27, 2014, to January 29, 2015, equipped with 3500lb-capacity torsion model axles, part numbers B-7100A, B-7110A, HT-35XL, T35545EB, T35545I, T35550EB, T35550HB, T35550I, T35655EB and T35655I, manufactured by Henderson Wheel. The weld that secures the torsion arm assembly may fail allowing the tire, wheel, hub, and torsion arm to separate from the trailer.

Consequence:

A separation of the torsion arm can result in a reduction in vehicle stability, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Snake River will notify owners, and the axle manufacturer will supply a replacement axle free of charge and cover the labor costs needed to replace it. The recall is expected to begin February, 2016. Owners may contact Snake River customer service at 1-208-455-2768.

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 Snake River'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:

You are required to submit 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).

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 required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all of the principal events that were the basis for your determination that this defect relates to motor vehicle safety. Also, please explain how you determined that you needed to file a new Defect Information report after you filed 15V-622 last year. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Timian
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Enforcement