



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Chad Troyer
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ShowHauler Trucks, Inc.
PO Box 9
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NEF-150KS
16V-730

Subject: Roller Chain on Lift Gate Insufficient Strength

Dear Mr. Troyer:

This letter serves to acknowledge ShowHauler Trucks, 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:

SHOWHAULER/GARAGE COACH/2014-2015

Mfr's Report Date: October 8, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-730

Components:

STRUCTURE:BODY:HATCHBACK/LIFTGATE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3

Problem Description:

ShowHauler Trucks, Inc. (ShowHauler) is recalling certain model year 2014-2015 Garagecoaches manufactured September 25, 2014, to July 7, 2015. The affected vehicles are equipped with Thieman Tailgates-brand TVL 12/16 series lift gates supported with roller chains that may fail.

Consequence:

Failure of either the street or curb side roller chain would result in that side of the platform falling immediately to the ground without notice, causing an uneven surface and increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

ShowHauler will notify owners, and Thieman dealers will replace the lift gate chains, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in October 2016. Owners may contact Thieman customer service at 1-800-524-5210 extension 104 or ShowHauler customer service at 1-574-825-6764. ShowHauler's number for this recall is 16E076.

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 ShowHauler'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).

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 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,



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