

# Important Safety Recall Notice: Far East and Innova Trailer Tires



**Recall Overview** Harbor Freight Tools (HFT) has concluded that certain Innova Ultra Runner and Far East brand trailer tires do not comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 119 and is conducting a recall. HFT is providing this notice to the Stores as required by Federal law.

The tires were produced under the Innova and Far East brands. The tires were sold individually and as part of a utility trailer kit.

**Reason for Recall and Product Included**

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The tires may not meet the strength requirements under FMVSS 119 which could potentially increase the risk of tire failure and a crash.

**Products Included in Recall**

Tires included in this recall campaign may be part of the [trailer kits](#) referenced below for the tire brand, tire identification number (TIN) and size specified only:

Skus	Trailer Description	Tire Size and Brand	Sale Date Range	TIN Information
62648 / 62666 62170 / 90154	Haul-Master 1195 lb. Capacity 48 in. x 96 in. Heavy Duty Folding Trailer	12" Innova	Jan 2014 – Sept 2017	TIN: 0FB5
62645 / 62665 61730 / 90153	Haul-Master 1090 lb. Capacity 40-1/2 in x 48 in Utility Trailer	12" Innova	Jan 2014 – Sept 2017	TIN: 0FB5
62647 / 62671 69897 / 94564	Haul-Master 1720 lb. Capacity 48 in. x 96 in. Super Duty Trailer	12" Innova	Jan 2014 – Sept 2017	TIN: 0FCB
62646 / 62667 62209 / 42708	Haul-Master 870 lb. Capacity 40 in. x 49 in. Utility Trailer	8" Far East	Jan 2014 – Dec 2016	TIN: 1MTA1
62644 / 66771	Haul-Master 600 lb. Capacity 78 in. Tag-Along Trailer	8" Far East	Jan 2014 – Dec 2016	TIN: 1MTA1
42709 / 61731	Haul-Master 950 lb. Capacity 48 in. x 96 in. Folding Utility Trailer	8" Far East	Jan 2014 – Dec 2016	TIN: 1MTA1

The following trailer tires, sold individually, are also included in this recall campaign for the tire brand, tire identification number (TIN) and size specified only:

Tire Item Number	Item Description	Tire Size and Brand	Sale Date Range	TIN Information
61520 / 92470	5.3 x 12" Utility Trailer Tires	12" Innova	Jan 2014 – Sept 2017	TIN: 0FCB
44144	4.80/4.00 x 12" Utility Trailer Tires Runner	12" Innova	Jan 2014 – Sept 2017	TIN: 0FB5
61521 / 44143	4.80/4.00 x 8" Utility Trailer Tires	8" Far East	Jan 2014 – Dec 2016	TIN: 1MTA1

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Please note, only the products identified in the charts above are included in this recall. Tires of other sizes and brands (even with the same SKU number) are not a part of this recall and should not be replaced under the recall if presented to the store by a customer.

## Identifying the Affected Tires

The affected tires can be identified by the name of the tire manufacturer and the Tire Identification Number, or TIN, found on the sidewall of each tire.



## Providing Replacement Tires

Customers will be notified about the recall campaign in November 2017 by letter and in-store posting. As part of the recall, a replacement utility tire of the same size will be provided for any of the tires described above when returned by customers. Replacement tires will be provided to the stores and available beginning approximately on November 30, 2017. Customers will be directed to return the recalled tires to stores beginning on that date.

When a customer returns tires subject to this recall, provide them with the same number and size of replacement tires and accurately record the TIN information at the point of sale and follow the instructions below.

## Store Actions

### Immediate Actions

As previously communicated, do not sell any the products listed above.



- Continue to review inventory for the specific tires marked with the specified TIN information stated above and follow the instructions for labeling it as a Callback and placing it with returns in the Stockroom.

### Customers Returns Actions

Federal law requires that all tires removed by customers from service are made unusable. Once customers begin returning recalled tires after the notice is sent in November, immediately upon receipt:

Action	Example
1. Put on Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) including safety glasses and gloves.	
2. Mark a large R on the recalled rims and tires on both sides using the red marking crayon (sku 65198).	
3. Locate and remove the valve stem cap.	

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<p>4. Depress the valve pin with a screwdriver to release air from the tire.</p>	
<p>5. Put on protective safety goggles. Using any store use drill and a 1/2" drill bit (sku 61637 or 69028), safely and slowly apply pressure to drill a hole completely through the sidewall of the tire. Make sure to keep fingers and feet clear of drill bit.</p>	
<p>6. Place all destroyed tires in a Gaylord marked RECALL.</p>	
<p>7. Send the Gaylord to Asset Recovery with the store's Asset Recovery returns.</p>	

Once collected at Asset Recovery, the tires will be recycled in accordance with applicable state and local laws.

If you become aware of any tires included in this recall that do not follow the process described above, please notify your Store Manager immediately. Store Managers must report to [Legal@HarborFreight.com](mailto:Legal@HarborFreight.com) the number of recalled tires in which a hole has not been drilled and rendered unsuitable for resale or installation on a motor vehicle within 24 hours of receipt.

## Prohibition on the Sale of Recalled Tires

It is a violation of Federal law to deliver a new motor vehicle (including a trailer) or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment (including tires) covered by this notice. The sale of any tires that are a part of this recall could subject HFT to fines and penalties.

Under Federal law, HFT is required to report any known instances of its stores selling any recalled tires.

If you are aware of the sale of any tires included in the recall following receipt of this notice, that information must be reported to the Associate Administrator for Enforcement, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. Washington, DC 20590.

Your assistance with this recall is appreciated. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Legal Department at [legal@harborfreight.com](mailto:legal@harborfreight.com) for further assistance.

## Customer Talking Points

If asked by customers, please use the following guidance:

### Why aren't you selling utility trailers/tires?

- Learned some of our utility trailer tires and replacement tires are not in compliance with certain DOT standards.
- We're recalling certain utility trailers and replacement trailer tires. Affected customers will receive a letter from Harbor Freight in the next month.
- Do not currently have replacement tires in stores; customers should wait to receive a letter from HFT to bring in tires for a replacement.

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## **Are you recalling the tires?**

- Yes, while we are not aware of any injury caused by this issue, we are voluntarily recalling certain utility trailer tires and replacement tires.
- Affected customers will receive a letter from Harbor Freight in the next month with instructions for how to return the tires.

## **What's the problem with the tires?**

- While we are not aware of any injury, certain utility trailer tires and replacement tires are not in compliance with certain DOT standards.
  - Ensuring the safety of our customers is our top priority.
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