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**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NEF-150MR
17V-680

Subject: Rear Impact Guards Insufficient Strength/FMVSS 223

Dear Mr. Kirk:

This letter serves to acknowledge Tremcar'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:

HUTCHINSON/406 2 AXLE SEMI-TRAILER/2012-2017
HUTCHINSON/406 B-TRAIN PUP/2008-2017
TREMCAAR/406 2 AXLE SEMI-TRAILER/2012-2017
TREMCAAR/406 3 AXLE SEMI-TRAILER/2015-2017
TREMCAAR/406 B-TRAIN PUP/2008-2017
TREMCAAR/406 QUAD WAGON/2013

Mfr's Report Date: October 26, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-680

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 223

Problem Description:

Tremcar is recalling certain 2008-2017 Hutchinson and Tremcar 406 B-train Pups, 2012-2017 Hutchinson and Tremcar 406 2 Axle Semi-Trailers, 2015-2017 Tremcar 406 3 Axle Semi-Trailers, and 2013 Tremcar 406 Quad Wagon vehicles. The rear impact guards on these vehicles were manufactured with aluminum alloy of insufficient strength. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 223, "Rear Impact Guards."

Consequence:

These rear impact guards may not adequately reduce the possibility of a car traveling under the trailer in the event of a crash, increasing the risk of injury to the car driver.

Remedy:

Tremcar has notified owners, and dealers will replace the rear impact guards, free of charge. The recall began on October 31, 2017. Owners may contact Tremcar customer service at 1-800-363-2158.

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.

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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 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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