



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

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NEF-150MR  
18V-218

**Subject:** Main Rails may Fail

Dear Mr. Chappell:

This letter serves to acknowledge Doepker Industries 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:**

DOEPKER/HG FLATDECK SEMI/2015-2016

**Mfr's Report Date:** April 5, 2018

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 18V-218

**Components:**

STRUCTURE:FRAME AND MEMBERS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 25

**Problem Description:**

Doepker Industries Ltd. (Doepker) is recalling certain 2015-2016 53' Tridem Galvanized Highboy Flatdeck Semi trailers. The lower rail main beam flanges may crack, possibly causing the load to shift and spill onto the road.

**Consequence:**

If the load shifts and spills onto the roadway, there is an increased risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Doepker will notify owners, and dealers will provide rental trailers, and replace the frames, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in April 2018. Owners may contact Doepker customer service at 1-306-598-2171. Doepker's number for this recall is HG201801.

**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).

We have received Doecker'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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-1060, or by email at [michelle.rice@dot.gov](mailto:michelle.rice@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,



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Enforcement