



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

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NEF-150MR  
18V-923

**Subject:** Spare Tire Carrier may Detach from Trailer

Dear Mr. Brown:

This letter serves to acknowledge Great Dane Trailers'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:**

GREAT DANE/CHAMPION CL DROP DECK/2018

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 20, 2018

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 18V-923

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT  
TIRES:TEMPORARY/EMERGENCY SPARE TIRE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 100

**Problem Description:**

Great Dane Trailers (Great Dane) is recalling certain 2018 Champion CL Drop Deck trailers equipped with aluminum crossmembers. The spare tire carriers may have been improperly installed, possibly resulting in the spare tire carrier detaching from the trailer.

**Consequence:**

A detached tire carrier would be a road hazard, increasing the risk of crash.

**Remedy:**

Great Dane will notify owners, and dealers will reinstall the tire carrier using the correct attachment fasteners, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in February 2019. Owners may contact Great Dane customer service at 1-877-369-3493.

**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).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

- A description of the basis for your company's determination of the recall population (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(2)).

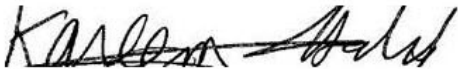
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification 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 Great Dane 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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Kareem Habib  
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement