



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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AJ Schuler
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NEF-150MR
19V-300

Subject: Entry Steps May Break

Dear AJ Schuler:

This letter serves to acknowledge SMC 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:

SMC/LARAMIE/2019

Mfr's Report Date: April 12, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-300

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 92

Problem Description:

SMC Trailers (SMC) is recalling certain 2019 Laramie horse trailers. The living quarter entry steps may break when being stepped onto due to poor welds and missing rivets.

Consequence:

The steps could break while in use, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

SMC has notified owners, and dealers will inspect the trailers, correcting the welds and installing rivets as necessary, free of charge. The recall began April 23, 2019. Owners may contact SMC Trailers at 1-574-966-5598.

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.

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.

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 SMC Trailers' 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