



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

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Mr. Brian Jarzen
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NEF-150MR
19V-321

Subject: Axles may have been Installed Backwards

Dear Mr. Jarzen:

This letter serves to acknowledge LDJ Manufacturing, Inc.'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:

LDJ/R250/2017-2018

Mfr's Report Date: April 24, 2019

NHTSA Campaign Number: 19V-321

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES
SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:NON-POWERED AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 23

Problem Description:

LDJ Manufacturing, Inc. (LDJ) is recalling certain 2017-2018 R250 Container trailers. The axles may have been installed backwards. Additionally, some of the axle spring seats may have not been welded to the axle.

Consequence:

If the axle was installed backwards, the brakes may not operate properly, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

LDJ has notified owners and dealers will inspect and correct the axle installations and weld the axle spring seat to the axle, as necessary, free of charge. The recall began May 22, 2019. Owners may contact LDJ customer service at 1-641-620-4034.

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.

NHTSA is missing critical, required information for this safety recall. This information must be supplied through the NHTSA Recalls Portal within 5 working days of confirming its accuracy:

- The percentage of products estimated to contain the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(4)).
- A statement that the defect or noncompliance can cause a vehicle crash without prior warning; or a description of whatever prior warning may occur, and a statement that if this warning is not heeded, a vehicle crash can occur (49 CFR 577.5 (f)(1)).
- In the case of a defect, a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information (such as numbers of deaths and/or injuries), with their dates of receipt (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(6)). It looks like a lot of the information was included in the "Description of Remedy" section, however it should be in the chronology section and needs more detail as to the dates of the events.

It is our understanding that notification to owners began on May 22, 2019 by email. According to the regulations within 49 CFR Part 577, owners are to be notified by First Class mail. Should it become necessary for LDJ to do a renotification, the follow-up notification must be submitted to this office for review and it must comply with the requirements of Part 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision" and Part 577.10, "Follow-up notification."

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 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. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Joshua Neff
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Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement