



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

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Mr. Don Brown
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NEF-150MR
20V-564

Subject: Bumper Reinforcement Gusset Absent/FMVSS 223, 224

Dear Mr. Brown:

This letter serves to acknowledge Fruehauf de Mexico SA de CV'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:

FRUEHAUF/FRUEHAUF/2018-2019

Mfr's Report Date: September 18, 2020

NHTSA Campaign Number: 20V-564

Components:

STRUCTURE:BODY:BUMPERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 70

Problem Description:

Fruehauf De Mexico SA DE CV (Fruehauf) is recalling certain 2018-2019 FB 53 68,000 lbs GVWR trailers. A bumper reinforcement gusset was mistakenly omitted. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 223, "Rear Impact Guards" and 224, "Rear Impact Protection."

Consequence:

If the gusset is missing, a passenger car may go under the trailer during a rear impact crash, increasing the risk of injury to passenger(s).

Remedy:

Fruehauf will notify owners, and dealers will install the bumper gusset, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in October 2020. Owners may contact Fruehauf customer service at 52-55-5898-7800 (International). Fruehauf's number for this recall is 3AW (WMI).

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 provide a US contact number for customers to reach Fruehauf.

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.

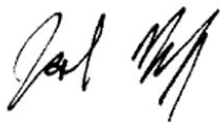
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

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
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement