



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

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Mr. James Huyge
Director of Reliability & Risk Management
SAF-Holland
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NEF-107KL
22E-014

Subject: Insufficient Lubricant in Wheel Hub

Dear Mr. Huyge:

This letter serves to acknowledge SAF-Holland'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:

SAF-HOLLAND/ULX40/9999

Mfr's Report Date: February 24, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22E-014

Components:

WHEELS:HUB

Potential Number of Units Affected: 7,040

Problem Description:

SAF-Holland is recalling certain ULX40 trailer axles, part number 1004300026950. The wheel end hubs on these axles may have insufficient lubrication levels, which could cause the hub bearings to fail.

Consequence:

Hub bearing failure could cause the wheel hub assembly to detach, causing a loss of stability and control, and create a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

SAF-Holland will provide instructions to owners, to inspect the wheel hubs and add the proper amount of lubricant as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed April 25, 2022. Owners may contact SAF-Holland customer service at 1-888-396-6501. SAF-Holland's number for this recall is P047.

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.nhtsa.gov.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

An identification and description of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(5)). All filings should state an increased risk of either a crash, injury or fire.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

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).

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 eight 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.

SAF-Holland's contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement