



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

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Washington, DC 20590

September 16, 2022

Ms. Pamela VanderMel
Director of Warranty
Lippert
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Goshen, IN 46528

NEF-107KL
22E-074

Subject: Incorrect Outer Bearings May Overheat

Dear Ms. VanderMel:

This letter serves to acknowledge Lippert'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:

LIPPERT/AXLE HUB ASSEMBLY/9999

Mfr's Report Date: September 14, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22E-074

Components:

SUSPENSION:MULTIPLE AXLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 404

Problem Description:

Lippert (Lippert) is recalling certain hub assemblies produced for use in the Utility market, Brake Hub - 865H-5/8 part number: 243185. The hub assemblies may have been produced with incorrect bearings, which can cause the bearings to overheat and allow the wheel to detach.

Consequence:

A wheel detaching can increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will replace the axles as necessary, free of charge. Vehicle manufacturers are expected to be notified on September 30, 2022. Owners may contact Lippert customer service at 1-574-538-4514. Lippert's number for this recall is 045-2022-002.

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:

In the case of items of motor vehicle equipment, the manufacturer of the equipment shall identify by name, business address, and business telephone number every manufacturer that purchases the defective or noncomplying component for use or installation in new motor vehicles or new items of motor vehicle equipment (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(2)(v)).

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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.

Lippert'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