

May 25, 2022

Ms. Ruth Smith Cross Country Mfg., Inc. PO Box 565 2355 State Highway 206 Greene, NY 13778

Subject: Coupler Improperly Welded

Dear Ms. Smith:

This letter serves to acknowledge Cross Country Mfg., 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: TBD/TBD/9999

Mfr's Report Date: May 24, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22V-371

**Components:** EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE/TRAILER TRAILER HITCHES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 72

### **Problem Description:**

Cross Country Mfg., Inc. (Cross Country) is recalling certain 2022 Cross Country 4T16, 4T18, 4T20, 58DT4, 610DTLP, 610DT8LP, 610DTL,610DT6, 612DT8LP, 616TL6, 617TL6, 618TL6, 616TK, 620TL6, 616CD, 616CF, and 618CF trailers. The coupler was improperly welded, which may cause the trailer to separate from the tow vehicle.

### **Consequence:**

Trailer separation from a tow vehicle can increase the risk of a crash.

### **Remedy:**

Dealers will inspect and replace the coupler as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed on June 1, 2022. Owners may contact Cross Country's customer service at 1-800-344-4103.

### 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.



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# 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.

Your company's program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of your company's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with § 573.13. Your company's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by § 573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in your company's report to NHTSA. If your company submits one or more general reimbursement plans, your company shall update each plan every two years (§ 573.13). If the vehicles are new and would be covered under the manufacturer's warranty program, please state that in the remedy section of your filing.

## AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

As required in Part 573.6, please amend the chronology to provide a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information (such as the numbers of deaths and/or injuries), with their dates of receipt. If claim count exceeds 10 claims, please provide the total number of claims, and a receipt date range for those claims. Please provide the date in which Cross Country decided to file with NHTSA.

## 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.



Cross Country Mfg., Inc.'s contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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

