

27 January, 2023

Dear Lode King Dealer

Subject: **Safety Recall Campaign # 23V009**

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

This is to inform you that we are recalling a series of steel step deck trailers with the beavertail as these units may contain a defect that could affect the safety of a person.

Details are as follows:

- a. The name of the company giving notice is:
Triple E Canada Ltd.
D.B.A. Prestige Trailers
Box 1146
135 Canada Street
Winkler, MB R6W 4B2
Phone: Toll free 1-866-797-0669 or 1-204-325-4345
- b. This non-compliance relates to the welding employed to attach the cargo winches onto the side rail of the beavertail section of the trailer. A weld is missing that needs to be added. See the accompanying picture below.
- c. On certain SDE and SDF model step-deck semi-trailers, the cargo securement winches located on the rear of the trailer may not be properly welded. This recall affects only trailers equipped with a beavertail style ramp. The affected winches are only those located on the rear sides of the trailer, on the beavertail ramp section of the deck.
- d. The vehicle system that is affected is the cargo winches on the beavertail section. These trailers have a decal indicating the cargo securement devices are rated with a Working Load Limit (WLL) of 5,000 lbs. This strength requirement is to be proven and validated using a pull test at 3 times the WLL, or 15,000 lbs. When subjected to this

test, the affected winches fail at approximately 13,000 lbs of force. To achieve the required strength, the winches need to be welded to the side rail on three sides: top, bottom, and on the pawl end of the winch body. These defective winch installations are missing the pawl end weld. See the accompanying picture. This was an error of omission during the manufacturing process.

e. In the event of a crash, the cargo winch mount could fail and allow cargo to come loose or fall from the trailer, creating a risk of injury and a road hazard for others.

f. In normal service a simple visual inspection of these welds will show any signs of premature cracking. However, it is not expected that normal service will cause any problems. It is during a crash, when exerted loads may be many times higher than in normal service, that this problem could be encountered.

g. The corrective action for this deficiency is to simply add the missing weld on the pawl end of the winch. A touch up of the paint after welding will restore the appearance of the area; no additional parts are required. We will be directing customers to bring their trailers back to your dealership for this rework, or if they wish to do it themselves, please contact our Service and Warranty Manager noted below to make arrangements for cost reimbursement.

h. We estimate it should take two (2) hours of labour time to add the missing welds and touch up the paint.

i. We will separately provide a list of the affected trailers that were sold through your dealership.

j. If you are a semi-trailer lessor, Federal Law requires that any lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten (10) working days. If you know the current owner or operator, please forward this letter to them.

Our point of contact here at Lode King for this Recall will be Mr. Randall Siemens, Customer Service & Warranty Manager. You may also reach him by email at rsiemens@prestigetrailers.com

We look forward to working with you to swiftly address this issue and get this corrective action in place.

Yours truly,
Prestige Trailers

