

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 18V-126

**Manufacturer Name :** Kaufman Trailers of NE, Inc.

**Submission Date :** FEB 20, 2018

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 18V-126

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** NR



## Manufacturer Information :

**Manufacturer Name :** Kaufman Trailers of NE, Inc.

**Address :** 706 North Silver St.  
Lexington NC 27292

**Company phone :** 7906800

## Population :

**Number of potentially involved :** 81

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 7 %

## Vehicle Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2018-2018 Kaufman FE-3/7K-44 & FE-3/7K-47

**Vehicle Type :** TRAILERS

**Body Style :**

**Power Train :** NR

**Descriptive Information :** On a small percentage of these two trailer models, the axles installed were manufactured with an incorrect spindle. On axles with the incorrect spindle there is the potential for the axle spindle to break between the inner and outer bearings. If this happens there is the immediate loss of the wheel and hub from the trailer, creating a dangerous situation for the truck towing the trailer, as well as other motorists that the wheel/hub could impact. Many of the two models listed that were produced during this time frame were manufactured with the correct spindle.

**Production Dates :** JUL 01, 2017 - FEB 14, 2018

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :**

NR

**End :** NR

☐ Not sequential

## Description of Defect :

**Description of the Defect :** A spindle failure (fatigue/stress loading leading to shear failure) has been identified in the extreme loading conditions of the 8k hybrid spindle triple axle application.

**FMVSS 1 :** NR

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** On axles with the incorrect spindle there is the potential for the axle spindle to break between the inner and outer bearings. If this happens there is the immediate loss of the wheel and hub from the trailer, creating a dangerous situation for the truck towing the trailer, as well as other motorists that the wheel/hub could impact.

**Description of the Cause :** NR

Identification of Any Warning NR  
that can Occur :

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

Name : Lippert Components, Inc.  
Address : NR  
NR  
Country : United States

**Chronology :**

NR

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Kaufman Trailers of NE, Inc. will replace all axles on your trailer that visual inspection shows to have an incorrect spindle(s). Replacement axles will be installed free of charge at any Kaufman Trailer facility or at a pre-approved service center. Axle replacements will take approximately 1-2 hours per axle to complete. It is possible that your trailer may have one or two incorrect axles, but not all three. Only axles that have an incorrect spindle(s) will be replaced.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : This is done by a quick visual inspection that is illustrated in the recall letter.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : As soon as the axle MFG company was notified, they verified a few incorrect spindles had been used for the axles used on the two models referenced in this recall. They immediately rectified the problem internally to make certain these spindles were not used on the axles built for the referenced models.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Owners (There are no dealers for these trailer models) to be notified via certified mail as soon as recall letter is approved.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

\* NR - Not Reported

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Follow proper safety practices. If in doubt, consult a professional RV technician.