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To: All Kentucky Trailer Truck Body Dealers and Distributors

**SAFETY RECALL 24V642**

**Certain 2022-2024 Kentucky Trailer Truck Bodies (Models MV & PV)**

**Failure of Attic Floor Adhesive Permitting Crossmembers to Crack. Cracked Crossmembers May Fall from Truck Body Unit**

NHTSA Recall No. 24V642

On August 27, 2024, Kentucky Trailer Manufacturing (Kentucky Trailer) filed a Defect and Noncompliance Report with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) informing the agency of our intent to conduct a voluntary Safety Recall. This Safety Recall covers all Kentucky Trailer truck body units (models MV & PV) manufactured by Kentucky Trailer between March 16, 2022 and August 22, 2024 that have a composite attic load floor installed with adhesive. Please immediately stop the sale of and quarantine any existing MV & PV models, with attics, that are in your inventory. Composite attic floors can be identified because they don't include screws through the top surface of the floor into the crossmembers below.

Description of Defect

Kentucky Trailer has identified a defect in the floor securement structure of the attic section of certain MV and PV model truck bodies. To date, there have been no accidents or injuries reported relating to this issue. The defect relates to a change in material and installation process of the attic floor. The prior material used for the attic floor was a panel made from a fiberglass reinforced plywood core, and this was installed using screws around the perimeter and to the crossmembers underneath the attic floor area. The attic floor material was changed to a composite fiberglass panel with a honeycomb core, and this was installed with screws along the front and adhesives along the sides, rear, and to the crossmembers underneath the attic floor area. Without the use of fasteners, the adhesive joints can fail, which allows motion in the attic area and degradation of the end clips of the crossmembers under the floor area. After enough degradation of the end clips of the crossmembers, the crossmembers can come loose.

If a crossmember were to fall off of a truck body unit, particularly if the truck body unit is in transit, serious injury and/or damage to nearby persons, vehicles and/or property could occur.

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## Remedy

Kentucky Trailer intends to remedy the subject defect by providing a kit of fasteners, instructions and tools to secure the composite floor to the surrounding structure and crossmembers mechanically, replacing reliance on the adhesive bond to restrain the floor. The kit of fasteners includes screws, washers, plates, and ferrules to limit compression of the composite material. In some cases, the movement of the floor system may have caused cracking at the crossmember/rail mounting brackets. For vehicles so affected an additional kit will be provided with new brackets, bolts and rivets to replace the damaged crossmember attachments. Kentucky Trailer intends to perform this service work at any of its service facilities at no charge to customers. Kentucky Trailer also intends to make available for shipment to customers (or their designees), packages containing the kit of fasteners, instructions (including detailed diagrams and specifications), and tools, and to reimburse customers for the reasonable cost of the completed service work. This recall remedy is estimated to be available beginning on October 1, 2024. In the interim, Kentucky Trailer requests that you complete an inspection of all attic crossmembers on Kentucky Trailer truck body units that may be in, or may come into, your possession to ensure that they have not become loose, and also advise any owners and/or operators of Kentucky Trailer truck body units that you may be in contact with, to promptly do the same.

## Owner Letter Notification Mailing

Kentucky Trailer will begin notifying owners about the defect and related remedy in mid-October. In the event you receive a notice for a motor vehicle that was sold prior to the Safety Recall announcement, it is your responsibility to forward the owner letter to the customer who purchased the motor vehicle. Owners who receive the notification letter may contact you with questions regarding the letter and/or the Safety Recall. Please feel free to direct them to contact Kentucky Trailer's dedicated recall telephone line at (502) 631-9666.

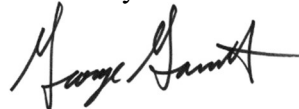
## Required Advisory Regarding Delivery of New Motor Vehicles Covered by Recall

49 Code of Federal Regulations §577.13 requires us to provide the following advisory: It is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to deliver a new motor vehicle or any new or used item of motor vehicle equipment (including a tire) covered by this notification under a sale or lease until the defect or noncompliance is remedied.

Thank you very much for your understanding and assistance in regard to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kentucky Trailer



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