

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

19V-154

Manufacturer Name : Charles Machine Works Inc

Submission Date : MAR 01, 2019

NHTSA Recall No. : 19V-154

Manufacturer Recall No. : ID0555609



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Charles Machine Works Inc

Address : 1959 Fir Street

Box 66 Perry OK 73077

Company phone : 580-572-2223

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 59

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2019-2019 Ditch Witch VT24

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : Our axle vendor notified us of suspect batches of axles that did not have greased bearings. The first batch was received on November 20, 2018. Every trailer produced since November 20th will be inspected and repaired, as needed.

Production Dates : NOV 20, 2018 - FEB 11, 2019

VIN Range 1 : Begin : 1DST722M3K1701953 **End :** 1DST722M3K1702018 **Not sequential**

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : The bearings were not greased.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : The axles could lock up and potentially cause the trailer to veer to one side.

Description of the Cause : The manufacturer missed a step in their process to grease the bearings.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : None

Supplier Identification :

Component Manufacturer

Name : Dexter Axle

Address : 500 S.E. 27th St.

El Reno OKLAHOMA 73036
Country : United States

Chronology :

We had a trailer axle lock up at our facility in late-February. We contacted the supplier. We've since had another one lock up in customer's hands in Amarillo, TX. Dexter came in February 22nd to rework our inventory. They have since provided suspect batch information.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program : We will notify our dealers and customers to have their axles inspected. If the axles are marked with an affected batch number, the hubs will be reworked with new seals and bearings.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : Axles marked with batch #123249668, 123253883, 123256699 or 123259902.

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : Dexter came in February 22nd to rework all whole good and parts inventory.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule : Dealers will be notified on March 5, 2019. Customer letters will be send approximately two weeks later.

Planned Dealer Notification Date : MAR 05, 2019 - MAR 05, 2019

Planned Owner Notification Date : MAR 15, 2019 - MAR 15, 2019

* NR - Not Reported