

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

25V317

Manufacturer Name: Aluminum Trailer Company (ATC)

Submission Date: May 12, 2025

NHTSA Recall No.: 25V317

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#### **Manufacturer Information**

## **Population**

Manufacturer Name: Aluminum Trailer Company

(ATC)

Address: 751 N Tomahawk Trail

Nappanee IN, 46650

Total number of potentially involved: 12

Estimated percentage with defect: 100%

#### **Vehicle Information**

Vehicle 1: 2025-2025 ATC PLA550 Bumper Pull

**Product Category:** Trailers

Product Type:

Fuel / Propulsion:

**Production Dates:** Mar 26, 2025 - Apr 24, 2025

Number of potentially involved:

**Descriptive Information:** 

An investigation was started on 4/29/25 and it was found that in March a wiring change was made after Lippert made a recommendation to change our wiring to meet their specifications. ATC did not realize circuit protection was needed on the power wire from the battery to the stabilizer jacks when implementing this change. Once this was found on 4/29/25 production immediately started adding the 12v 30amp fuse to the wire on any PLA550 bumper pull unit with stabilizer jacks. This only affects the 12, PLA550 bumper pull units with stabilizer jacks built during this period.

### **Defect / Noncompliance Description**

#### Description of the defect or noncompliance:

No circuit over-current protection on the power wire between the battery and the stabilizer jacks

FMVSS1:

FMVSS2:

Description of the safety risk, including crash, fire, death, injury:

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If the wire was to short out it could cause a fire
Description of the cause:
Identification of any warning that can occur:
Component Manufacturer
Tier of Supplier:
Supplier Type:
Name:
Address:
Country:
Involved Components
Component Name 1:
Component Description:
Component Part Number:
Chronology
On Saturday 4/26/25 ATC was notified a trailer at a local campground was smoking and wiring had melted and the customer had found a wire pinched between the ground wire behind the switch plate. On 4/28/25 ATC inspected and repaired the unit. They found that there was no circuit over-current protection at the power wire running from the battery to the stabilizer jacks. They added a 12v 30amp

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#### Related NHTSA Recall Number:

## **Description of Remedy**

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Remedy Type: Inspect, Replace
Consumer Advisories:   Do Not Drive Park Outside
Description of remedy program:
ATC will remedy the defect without charge to you. ATC will provide instructions and parts,30amp blade fuse, and Insulated female quick disconnect, to approved service centers for repair once contact has been made. The estimated time for the fix is .5 hours. ATC will reimburse any customer that has incurred payment due to this defect.
How remedy component differs from recalled component:
The remedied component will have a 12v 30amp fuse on the power wire running from the battery to the stabilizer jacks.
Identify how/when recall condition was corrected in production:
Once the defect was identified on 4/29/25 production immediately started adding the 12v 30amp fuse to the wire on any PLA550 bumper pull unit with stabilizer jacks on 4/29/25.
Reimbursement Plan
Description of reimbursement program:
Period of reimbursement:
Period of reimbursement:
Period of reimbursement:  Costs to be reimbursed:
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Period of reimbursement:  Costs to be reimbursed:  Address for reimbursement claims:  Recall Schedule  Description of recall schedule:  Dealers will be notified electronically and by mail starting on 6/23/25. Customers will be notified by mail starting on 6/23/25
Period of reimbursement:  Costs to be reimbursed:  Address for reimbursement claims:  Recall Schedule  Description of recall schedule:  Dealers will be notified electronically and by mail starting on 6/23/25. Customers will be notified by mail starting on 6/23/25  Planned Dealer Notification Date: Jun 23, 2025 - Jun 27, 2025  No Dealers