

SAFETY ALERT

Trailer Reach Failure

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Potential Hazards

- Loss of control of vehicle
- Trailer or load could cause a multi-vehicle accident
- Potential for injury or fatalities



Incident Summary

- Driver was not familiar with the ANSER Trailer Reach operation. Driver overextended reach.
- The air lock system pin on the trailer did not lock into the telescoping reach.
- The only thing holding the telescoping reach together was the Reach Stops.
- The Reach Stops were not of adequate strength.
- The trailer broke free and flopped onto its side spreading logs onto the pavement and ditch.
- Single vehicle incident. No injuries



Preventative Actions

- Reach Stops should be of adequate strength to prevent trailer separation.
- Telescoping reaches should be inspected at every Trip Inspection and maintained as per the manufacturers' specifications.
- In some cases, a secondary set of safety chains may be required as pictured above.
- Drivers should be trained on the correct operation of trailer reaches.

