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**INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT CONCERNING
CAB RACKS/CAB GUARDS**

HALEYVILLE, ALABAMA -- As part of our ongoing commitment to providing the best products and service in the industry, we wanted to alert you to an issue that has come to our attention.

While our focus, as our name implies, is the design and manufacture of world class flatbed trailers, we know that many of you, independent owner operators and fleets alike, have equipped your tractors with what were formerly known as “cab guards” and are today more commonly known as “cab racks” or “truck racks”. These optional aftermarket additions can serve as useful storage devices and may help to mitigate the effects of minor road debris, dirt and grime on the exterior of the cab.

WHETHER YOU CALL THEM “CAB GUARDS” OR “CAB RACKS” – THEY ARE NOT SAFETY DEVICES.

Cab racks are not designed, manufactured or installed as safety devices and are not intended to and will not prevent injury or death from load shifts or any other accident, collision or rollover scenario. Cab racks should never be used as a safety device or as a part of your load securement system. The presence of a cab rack is not a substitute for any component of a cargo securement system and does not alter the load securement requirements adopted by federal and state governments. Cab racks should never be used as a substitute for proper load securement when hauling a log or a pole trailer and should never be used unless all D.O.T. load securement regulations have been followed.

As the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has recognized, the most effective way to prevent the consequences of load shift is proper load securement (Development of a North American Standard for Protection Against Shifting and Falling Cargo, 67 FR 61212-01). We encourage all of you, whether you are new to the industry or a seasoned veteran, to review the load securement requirements developed by the FMCSA (49 CFR 393) and the requirements of the states in which you operate and to make every effort to adhere to these regulations for every load you haul.

Fontaine Commercial Platform, headquartered in Haleyville, Alabama, designs and manufactures world class aluminum, steel and composite flatbed and dropdeck trailers. Fontaine is a Marmon Highway Technologies/ Berkshire Hathaway company. Marmon Highway Technologies (MHT) supports the transportation industry worldwide with a wide range of high-quality products and services. For more information contact Fontaine Commercial Platform, 430 Letson Road • Haleyville, Alabama 35565 • 800-821-6535 • www.fontainetrailer.com.

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