From: Nicole Heinen
To: Ansley, Alexander (NHTSA)
Subject: RE: NHTSA Information Request Letter Mailed
Date: Thursday, September 29, 2011 2:48:40 PM
Attachments: RE NHTSA Information Request Letter Mailed.msg

Alex,
Sorry, I thought I responded to you, but when I look back in my emails I responded to the wrong person.
Please see attached email for the response that was meant to be sent to you.
Let me know if there is anything else I need to do.

Thanks,

Nicole Heinen
Warranty Administrator
Polar Tank Trailer
12810 Co. Rd. 17
Holdingford, MN 56340
Telephone_(320)746-2255 Ext. 326
Fax_(320)746-2937
Email_nicoleheinen@polarcorp.com

From: alexander.ansley@dot.gov [mailto:alexander.ansley@dot.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2011 1:43 PM
To: Nicoleheinen@polarcorp.com
Subject: RE: NHTSA Information Request Letter Mailed

Ms. Heinen,

Good afternoon. I understand Mike forwarded you our 9/8 letter. Polar Tank Trailer's response was due within 10 days of receipt but we have not received anything yet. Do you know when the response will be submitted for this matter?

Thank you,

Alex Ansley
US DOT- NHTSA
Office of Defects Investigation
Recall Management / W46-412
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20590
P. (202) 493-0481
F. (202) 366-7882

From: mikeschmidt@polarcorp.com [mailto:mikeschmidt@polarcorp.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 4:26 PM
To: Ansley, Alexander (NHTSA)
Cc: 'Nicole Heinen'
Subject: RE: NHTSA Information Request Letter Mailed

Thank you Alex.

However, I would not be proper person to contact with regards to this issue. Please send all further correspondence or information you have on this subject to our Warranty Administrator. Her name is Nicole Heinen. Nicoleheinen@polarcorp.com

I will forward your email to Nicole as well.

Sincerely,

Mike Schmidt
POLAR TANK TRAILER, LLC
POLAR SERVIC CENTERS

From: alexander.ansley@dot.gov [mailto:alexander.ansley@dot.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 08, 2011 3:19 PM
To: mikeschmidt@polarcorp.com
Subject: NHTSA Information Request Letter Mailed

Mr. Schmidt,

Good afternoon. Attached is a copy of the letter that was mailed to your attention today.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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From: Nicole Heinen
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Attachments: Letter submitted to NHTSA-DOT.pdf

Alexander,

I am aware of the Accuride recall that is taking place. On April 19th I submitted a letter to NHTSA-DOT (see attached) and have not had any response.
Accuride had notified us that they believe they had supplied us with 30 slack adjusters that could be affected by the recalls. Polar personnel checked all slack adjusters in our possession and determined that 14 of them ha the date codes provided by Accuride and needed to be returned. Polar then checked every trailer that was manufactured in that time frame and determined it could only affect 3 trailers manufactured by us.
These trailers were shipped to Canada and I have been in contact with Jean-Guy Fournier, the Recalls Office for Defect Investigations for Transport Canada. All of the customers have been notified of the recall at this time.

Please let me know if there is anything else I need to do at this time.

Thanks,

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April 19, 2011

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defect Investigation
NHTSA-DOT
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Reference 11E-008

Dear Ms. Timian,

Pursuant to the requirements of Part 577.10, attached is a draft copy of an owner notification letter relating to an Accuride/Gunite Slack Adjuster Recall.

Also, attached is a list of customers to be notified. We will mail notifications within 15 days of approval of the draft notification letter.

Sincerely,

Rick Connelly
Vice President of Engineering
Polar Tank Trailer, LLC

April 18, 2011

Monte Waronek
Polaris Petroleum
P.O. Box 5361
Drayton Valley, AB T7A 1R5
Canada

RE: Polar Vehicle Identification Number: 1PMS33124B1037420
Accuride Gunite brand Automatic Slack Adjusters - Part #900SA10802

Dear Polar Tank Trailer Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Some time ago, Polar Tank Trailer was informed by one of our suppliers, Accuride Corporation, of a slack adjuster recall as described below. Polar urges you to inspect the slack adjusters on the unit listed above. If they are found to be defective, have them replaced per Accuride's recommendations:

Polar Tank Trailer, in conjunction with Accuride Corporation, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain slack adjusters manufactured by Gunite in its Rockford, Illinoise and Elkhart, Indiana plants during the period of October 15, 2010 through January 31, 2011. Some slack adjusters manufactured during that period contained housings that could potentially have a flow notch in the handle of the slack adjuster. Slack adjusters that have this flow notch could under normal braking load result in a broken housing that may cause the brake to be inoperative that could increase the stopping distance and possibly result in a vehicle crash. Gunite's records show that slack adjusters made during this period may have been used on your trailer(s) mentioned above. Not all slack adjusters shipped at this time have this condition, but to ensure that all potential slack adjusters are properly inspected, Gunite is recalling all of the slack adjusters with the specified date codes.

Accuride will replace all subject part number 900SA10802 slack adjusters manufactured on the subject dates. This will be done at no charge to you.

The slack adjusters potentially involved are Gunite brand Automatic Slack Adjusters, Gunite part number 900SA10802 bearing the following date codes:

Lot Numbers and Corresponding Mold Line Nomenclature

Lot Nos.	Mold Line	Lot Nos.	Mold Line	Lot Nos.	Mold Line	Lot Nos.	Mold Line
0I06	1H	0K02	1H	1A15	1H	0K26	H
0I07	1H	0K04	1H	1A21	1H		
0I14	1H	0K10	1H	1A22	1H		
0I15	1H	0K12	1H				
0I17	1H	0K18	1H				
0I18	1H	0K22	1H				
0I19	1H	0K24	1H				
0I20	1H	0L12	1H				
0I26	1H	0L18	1H				
0J06	1H	0L22	1H				
0J07	1H	0L24	1H				
		0L28	1H				
		0L30	1H				

The lot number and mold line nomenclature are cast into the housing on each slack adjuster and can be found on the inside of the slack adjuster close to the outside flange. (See attached Gunite Service Advisory)

If you have difficulty identifying the date codes on the slack adjuster, have any questions or wish to report on slack adjusters involved, you may contact Accuride at 1-812-962-5024 or Accuride Field Engineering at 1-800-677-3786 between 7:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Central time, Monday through Friday.

If you have a slack adjuster manufactured during the identified dates, or if, after contacting Gunite, you cannot determine whether a particular slack adjuster is subject to this recall, contact Polar Tank Trailer at 800-826-6589 Ext. 326. All slack adjusters manufactured on the identified dates will be replaced free of charge to you. Accuride will reimburse you for shipping costs involved. Any customer who has incurred cost for repair of their vehicle or wheel due to the above described defect prior to notification may also be entitled to reimbursement.

If you are having a problem completing this recall, you may contact Polar Tank Trailer for assistance at 1-800-826-6589 between 8:00 and 4:30 P.M. Central Time, Monday through Friday. If, after contacting Polar Tank, you are not able to have a slack adjuster subject to this recall replaced without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to http://www.safercar.gov.

Sincerely,

Rick Connelly
Vice President of Engineering
Polar Tank Trailer, LLC

Accuride Gunite Slack Adjuster Recall 4/18/2011

VIN Number	Date Manufactured	Customer	Address	Contact Name	Phone #
1PMS33124B1037420	3/8/2011	Polaris Petroleum	BOX 5361, DRAYTON VALLEY AB T7A 1R5	Monte Waronek	780-542-5958
1PMS3334XB1037422	1/17/2011	Edmonton Trailer	26420 TOWNSHIP ROAD 531A , ACHESON AB T7X 5A3	Denis St. Andre	780-962-8195
1PMS33341B1037423	1/21/2011	Edmonton Trailer	26420 TOWNSHIP ROAD 531A , ACHESON AB T7X 5A3	Denis St. Andre	780-962-8195

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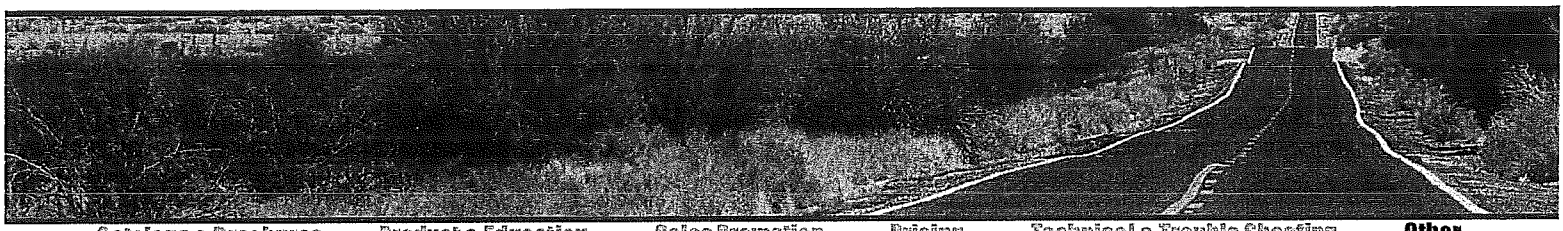
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Bryan

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February 18, 2011



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NO: GUN2.0014

Gunite® Automatic Slack Adjuster Inspection Instructions

Use the following instructions to inspect your inventory of Gunite® Automatic Slack Adjusters.

1. Remove the automatic slack adjuster from the box and plastic shipping bag.

2. Inspect the automatic slack adjuster in two locations to determine the lot number.
   a. On the side of the slack adjuster housing you will see the name Gunite and either an "H" or "1H". See Figure A. This is the mold line nomenclature.
   b. On the bottom of the slack adjuster you will see the lot number information. See Figure B.
   c. If the combination of slack adjuster mold line and lot number exactly match any of the combinations in the table below, see Figure C, the slack adjuster must be returned to Gunite. Please contact Customer Service at 1-800-677-3786 to obtain a Return Goods Authorization (RGA) document.

Side of Slack Adjuster Housing

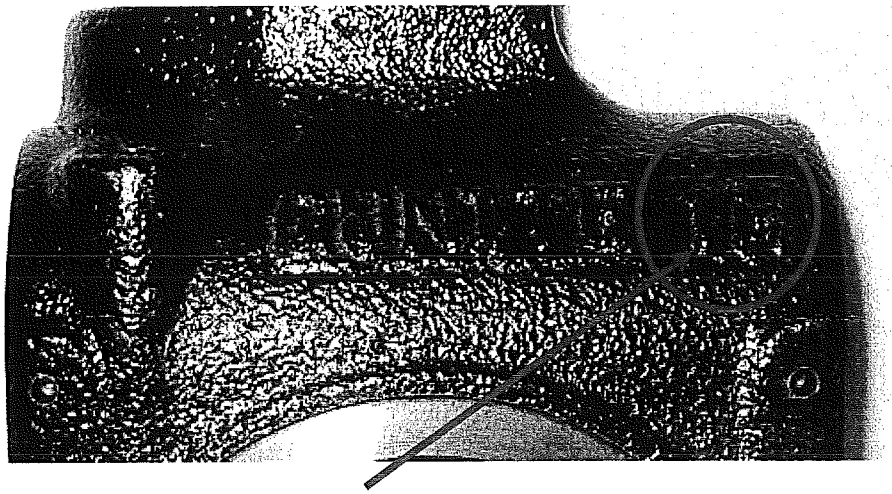


Figure A: Mold Line Nomenclature

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Bottom of Slack Adjuster Housing

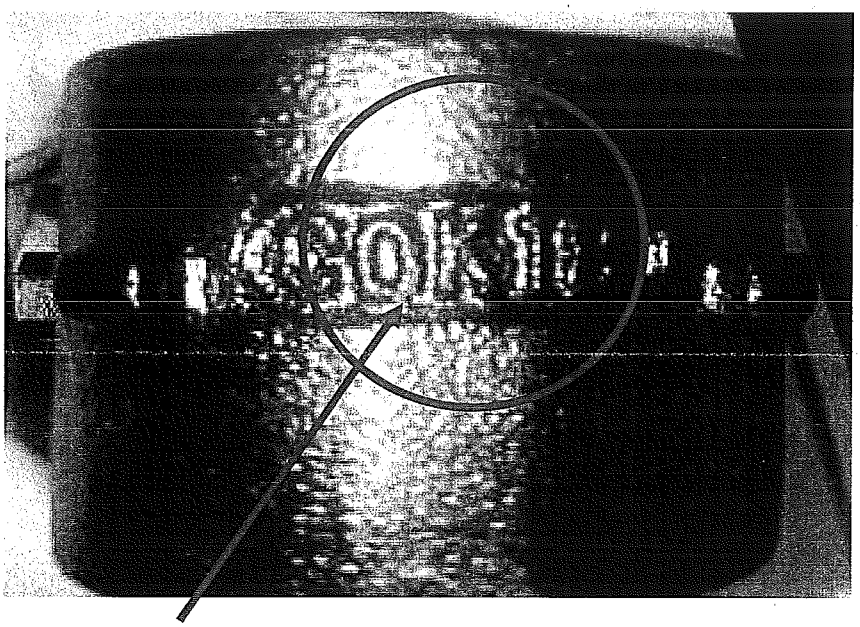


Figure B: Lot Number

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Figure C: Lot Numbers and Mold Line Nomenclature

All slack adjusters having the combined lot number and mold line number identified in the table in Figure C must be returned to Gunite. Please contact Customer Service at 1-800-677-3786 to obtain a Return Goods Authorization (RGA) document.

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