



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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07V-256

SUBJECT: FMVSS 106/AIR BRAKE HOSE ASSEMBLIES

DEAR MR. KING:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kalmar Industries USA, LLC.'s amended notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 106, "Brake Hoses," in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

OTTAWA/30/1997-2007

OTTAWA/50/1997-2007

OTTAWA/60 DOT/EPA/1997-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-256

Mfg's Amended Report Date: August 14, 2008

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, AIR: SUPPLY: HOSES, LINES/PIPING,
AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 612

Summary:

KALMAR IS RECALLING 612 MY 1997-1007 OTTAWA 30, 50, AND 60 DOT/EPA TERMINAL TRACTORS EQUIPPED WITH SUSPENSIONED REAR AXLES OR "OTTO-RIDE" REAR SUSPENSIONS FOR FAILING TO CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 106, 'BRAKE HOSES.' THE AIR BRAKE HOSE ASSEMBLY WAS INCORRECTLY MANUFACTURED.

Consequence:

IF A FAILURE OCCURRED IN THE AIR LINE INSTALLED ON THE SPRING BRAKE SIDE OF THE BRAKE CHAMBER, THE SPRING BRAKES WOULD APPLY. SUDDEN APPLICATION OF THE SPRING BRAKE WHILE TRAVELING COULD LEAD TO A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE HOSE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING SEPTEMBER 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KALMAR AT 1-785-229-6327.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it does not quite meet all the requirements of Part 577.

The second paragraph should read: "Kalmar Industries USA, LLC (formerly Ottawa Truck Division) has decided that certain Ottawa 30, 50, and 60 DOT/EPA Terminal Tractors manufactured between May 1997 and May 2007, fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 106, "Brake Hoses."

A risk to the consumer needs to be added at the end of the third paragraph on the second page, i.e., "Sudden application of the spring brake while traveling could lead to a crash."

Please remove the first sentence of the third paragraph on the second page, "Kalmar has not had any incidents reported from this noncompliance air brake hose." This statement implies that the noncompliance **may not exist** on any of the vehicles and is considered to be a disclaimer specifically prohibited by Part 577.8(a).

Please revise your owner letters to include the following updated NHTSA hotline information: "...the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline ..".

The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at Patricia.wallace@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Wallace for".

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Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement