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Mr. Jonathan White
Chief, Recall Analysis Division
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NSA-11)
400 Seventh Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Pintle Hook Attachment Bolts

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573 of the National Highway Traffic Safety Act.

During a review of fastener inventory usage Great Dane Trailers has determined that several trailer orders requested special non-standard stainless steel fasteners for pintle hook installation. On these orders, stainless steel mounting bolts of a lesser grade were used in lieu of the standard grade 8 carbon steel bolts. There is no true equivalent to a grade 8 in stainless steel. The recommended fastener for pintle hook installation is grade 8. Great Dane Trailers is therefore recommending that the stainless steel bolts used to install the pintle hooks on these 53 trailers be replaced with grade 8 carbon steel bolts in order to insure that the mounting of the pintle hook meets the manufacturer's recommendations/requirements.

The equipment containing the pintle hooks mounted with the stainless steel bolts are semi-trailers manufactured for two customers only and sold under the "Great Dane" brand name. They are 53 trailers model numbered 7011TZ-1A and 7211TZ-1WA* manufactured between June 19, 2003 and January 3, 2007. Great Dane will notify the two customers with trailers affected by this issue and will undertake steps to replace the stainless steel fasteners with grade 8 carbon steel fasteners in the field. Great Dane Trailers will submit a copy of the notice to the customers, a copy of the modification drawing/instructions and provide the required quarterly reports.

If after your review, should you have any questions please let me know.

Sincerely,

Tom Langenfeld – Supervisor, Customer Service/Warranty

Cc: Barry Mitchell