



Great Dane Trailers

Date

07V-461

CUSTOMER NAME, ADDRESS, TRAILER SERIAL NUMBERS

Gentlemen:

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Great Dane Trailers has decided that an error which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the above listed trailers produced by Great Dane Trailers and purchased by you from Great Dane Trailers. The defect relates to the pintle hook mounting bolts. On certain trailers stainless steel mounting bolts were specified and may have been used in lieu of the required grade 8 carbon steel bolts to attach the pintle hook to the trailer. There is no true equivalent to a grade 8 in stainless steel. This could result in the separation of the towed vehicle from the semi-trailer which could result in a crash. Great Dane Trailers will inspect the pintle hook mounting bolts to determine if stainless steel bolts were used in lieu of the proper carbon steel grade 8 bolts. If it is determined that the stainless steel bolts were used then Great Dane will replace the bolts with the proper carbon steel grade 8 fasteners.

Upon receipt of this notice you should contact Great Dane Customer Service at 1-877-369-3493, in order to receive instructions and make arrangements for the above listed trailers to be checked and modified. The modification will consist of the inspection of the pintle hook mounting bolts to determine if stainless steel bolts were used in lieu of the proper carbon steel grade 8 bolts. If it is determined that the stainless steel bolts were used then Great Dane Trailers will replace the bolts with the proper carbon steel grade 8 fasteners. This modification should take approximately two hours labor and can be performed at any Great Dane Trailers Service Shop location.

If this modification is not performed, it is possible for the pintle hook fasteners to fail, resulting in trailer separation and a possible crash.



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If for some reason this modification is not made without charge and within a reasonable period of time, you may wish to register a complaint with:

U.S.Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.
Washington, DC 20590

Or you may wish to call their Hotline Number: 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Sincerely,

Barry A. Mitchell – Director, Customer Service/Warranty