



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

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NVS-215paw
08V-143

SUBJECT: WHEEL HUB BEARING BREAKS

DEAR MR. KASHIHARA:

This letter serves to acknowledge Tadano America Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect 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:

TADANO/ATF110G-5/2005-2007

TADANO/ATF160G-5/2005-2007

TADANO/ATF220G-5/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-143

Mfg's Report Date: March 19, 2007

Components: SUSPENSION: MULTIPLE AXLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 39

Summary:

TADANO IS RECALLING 39 MY 2005-2007 ATF110G-5, ATF160G-5, AND MY 2006-2007 ATF220G-5 ALL TERRAIN CRANES EQUIPPED WITH 5 AXLES. WHILE IN THE DOLLY CONFIGURATION, THE THIRD AXLE WHEEL HUB MAY BREAK, ALLOWING IT TO FALL OFF WHILE DRIVING.

Consequence:

IF THE WHEEL HUB BEARING BROKE WHILE DRIVING, THE WHEEL HUB WILL FALL OFF ON THE ROAD, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

TADANO WILL CHANGE THE WHEEL HUB BEARING TO A LARGER SIZE WITH SECURE STRENGTH. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS MAY CONTACT TADANO AT 1-281-869-5925.

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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners as soon as it becomes available.

Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the build date range of vehicles affected by this recall.

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 black ink, appearing to read "G. Person", written in a cursive style.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement