



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

November 26, 2008

MR. ALVIN NOLT
WARRANTY
M.H. EBY INC.
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BLUE BALL, PA 17506

NVS-215paw
08V-621

SUBJECT: WHEEL STUDS/ARVINMERITOR

DEAR MR. NOLT:

This letter serves to acknowledge M. H. Eby Inc.'s 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:

EBY/SM1GLP/2009

EBY/GROUND LOADER/2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-621

Mfg's Report Date: November 18, 2008

Components: POWER TRAIN: AXLE: HUBS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1

Summary:

M. H. EBY RECALLED 1 MY 2009 SM1GLP GROUND LOADER TRAILER EQUIPPED WITH ARVINMERITOR AXLE ASSEMBLIES WITH SUSPECT WHEEL END STUDS. THE WHEEL END STUDS WERE IMPROPERLY TEMPERED, POTENTIALLY RENDERING THEM BRITTLE AND SUSCEPTIBLE TO FRACTURE. IF ONE WHEEL STUD FRACTURES, THE REMAINING WHEEL STUDS ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY MORE LOAD. IF LEFT IN THIS CONDITION, THE REMAINING WHEEL STUDS MAY ALSO FRACTURE EVEN IF THEY ARE PROPERLY MANUFACTURED.

Consequence:

FRACTURED WHEEL STUDS COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

M H EBY IS WORKING WITH ARVINMERITOR WHO WILL REPLACE ANY AFTERMARKET REPLACEMENT STUD FREE OF CHARGE. THE CUSTOMER HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY EBY AND ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO REPAIR THE TRAILER.

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).

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE08-013, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

The information in your defect 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 your report, the trailer owner has been notified and arrangements have been made to repair the trailer.

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".

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

