



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

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NVS-215kjs
09V-199

SUBJECT: QUICK RELEASE VALVES/HALDEX/MERITOR WABCO

DEAR MR. MITCHELL:

This letter serves to acknowledge Great Dane Trailers' (Great Dane) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the vehicles described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal laws.

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:
GREAT DANE/TRAILER/2009

Mfg's Report Date: May 13, 2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-199

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:SUPPLY:QUICK RELEASE VALVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 43

Summary:

GREAT DANE TRAILERS IS RECALLING 43 MODEL YEAR 2009 SEMI-TRAILER CONVERTER DOLLIES, MODEL DLY-0022-00099, MANUFACTURED FOR FEDEX GROUND, EQUIPPED WITH CERTAIN HALDEX QUICK RELEASE VALVES (QRV). THE RUBBER DIAPHRAGM INSIDE THE QRV MAY EXPERIENCE DELAMINATION RESULTING IN SIGNIFICANT LEVELS OF AIR PRESSURE LEAKAGE PAST AND/OR THROUGH THE DIAPHRAGM, OR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BUBBLE IN THE DIAPHRAGM WHICH MAY TRAP AIR PRESSURE IN THE VALVE AND NOT ALLOW THE SERVICE BRAKES TO RELEASE.

Consequence:

MALFUNCTION OF THE AIR BRAKE SYSTEM COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

GREAT DANE WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND THE VEHICLES WILL BE REPAIRED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JUNE 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT GREAT DANE AT 1-912-644-2100.

Notes:

OWNERS 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:

We have received Great Dane's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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

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

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@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,



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