



Great Dane Trailers

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George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: 09E-004

Dear Mr. Person:

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

Great Dane Trailers has been advised by Haldex Brake Products Corp. that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain air brake system control valves, i.e. Quick Release Valve (QVR), that were utilized in some heavy duty, commercial vehicle braking system applications. The rubber diaphragm used inside the QRV valves may delaminate and may cause leakage levels past and/or through the diaphragm in excess of permissible specifications, or could cause a restriction in the air flow, thereby effecting pressure delivery to the foundation brakes. This increase in leakage levels or the air line restriction could affect the performance of the vehicle's braking system which could lead to a vehicle crash. The subject population of QRVs was manufactured at the Haldex Iola, KS facility from 5-27-2008 through 10-15-2008, with production date codes of 148 through 289. Haldex has advised Great Dane that they provided a total of five (5) of the suspect valves to Great Dane in shipments 7-17-2008, 7-23-2008 and 8-5-2008.

Great Dane Trailers has determined that the equipment with the five (5) defective valves is in a group of 43 semi-trailer converter dollies model DLY-0022-00099 year 2009 manufactured for FedEx Ground.

Great Dane Trailers will notify the customer with the equipment affected by this recall per the attached customer notification letter as soon as it has been approved by your office and a recall number has been assigned.

If after your review of this information should you have any questions or need additional information please let us know.

Very Truly Yours,

Barry A. Mitchell, Director-Customer Service/Warranty

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