



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

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MR. DEAN A. SAMUELSON
VICE PRESIDENT OPERATIONS
METAL FABRICATION INC.
604 CREASMAN DRIVE
WINCHESTER, TN 37398

NVS-215dgl
10V-139

Subject: TRAILER BRAKE SYSTEM

Dear MR. SAMUELSON:

This letter serves to acknowledge Metal Fabrication Inc's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect in the vehicles listed below for which a safety recall campaign will be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

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:

MFI/BDMR/2010
MFI/BDPY/2010
MFI/BDTU/2010
MFI/CTKR/2010
MFI/CTP3/2010
MFI/CTT3/2010
MFI/CTTU/2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-139

Mfg's Report Date: March 25, 2010

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 382

Summary:

METAL FABRICATION HAS NOTIFIED NHTSA OF A DEFECT IN CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 BOAT TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH BRAKE SYSTEMS MANUFACTURED BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1, 2009 AND JANUARY 31, 2010 DESIGNED TO HAUL RECREATIONAL BOATS. THE BRAKE ACTUATOR ON THE TONGUE OF THE TRAILER CAN HAVE A MISALIGNED BRAKE SOLENOID. IF THE SOLENOID IS MIS-ALIGNED, THEN THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR INTERFERENCE BETWEEN THE SOLENOID AND THE ACTUATOR HOUSING.

Consequence:

LEAKAGE OF BRAKE FLUID AND/OR THE PRESENCE OF AIR IN BRAKE LINES MAY CAUSE THE BRAKES TO NOT OPERATE AS INTENDED INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND TEST THE BRAKE SYSTEM FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL BEGAN ON APRIL 1, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT METAL FABRICATION CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 931-962-0025.

Notes:

METAL FABRICATION RECALL NO. 62-1482439. 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.

It is our understanding that notification to owners began on April 1, 2010, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for Metal Fabrication to do a renotification, the follow-up notification must be submitted to this office for review and it must comply with the requirements of Part 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision" and Part 577.10, "Follow-up notification."

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 contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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