



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

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BIG TEX TRAILER MANUFACTURING, INC.
950 I-30 EAST
MT. PLEASANT, TX 75455

NVS-215kjs
10V-237

Subject: UNDERRATED LOADING RAMPS

DEAR MR. GARRETT:

This letter serves to acknowledge Big Tex Trailer Manufacturing, Inc.'s (Big Tex) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

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:
BIGTEX/14GX/2010
BIGTEX/14LX/2010

Mfg's Report Date: May 25, 2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-237

Components: EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 278

Summary:

BIG TEX IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 14GX AND 14LX DUMP TRAILERS MANUFACTURED FROM MARCH 20 THROUGH MAY 11, 2010. THE 7' RAMPS USED FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING EQUIPMENT ARE NOT SUFFICIENT IN STRENGTH FOR THE WEIGHT LOADS OF THE TRAILERS.

Consequence:

IF THE RAMPS ARE USED TO LOAD OR UNLOAD A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT THAT EXCEEDS THE WEIGHT RATING OF THE RAMPS, THE RAMPS COULD BEND OR FAIL, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN INJURY.

Remedy:

BIG TEX WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND WILL EXCHANGE THE RAMPS WITH PROPERLY WEIGHT RATED RAMPS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JULY 15, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BIG TEX TOLL-FREE AT 1-800-594-5637.

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.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and envelope and they meet the requirements of Part 577. 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 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

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 the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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