



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

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CONTROLLER
BIG TEX TRAILER MANUFACTURING, INC.
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NVS-215dgl
11V-328

Subject: ADAPTER FITTINGS/BRENNAN

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:

BIG TEX/10LP/2011
BIG TEX/10LX/2011
BIG TEX/12LP/2011
BIG TEX/12LX/2011
BIG TEX/14GX/2011
BIG TEX/14LX/2011
BIG TEX/14OD/2011
BIG TEX/50DS/2011
BIG TEX/70LP/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-328

Mfg's Report Date: June 14, 2011

Components: EQUIPMENT ADAPTIVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 800

Summary:

BIG TEX IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 10LP, 10LX, 12LP, 12LX, 14GX, 14LX, 14OD, 50DS AND 70LP DUMP TRAILERS MANUFACTURED FROM FEBRUARY 24, 2011, THROUGH JUNE 6, 2011, AND EQUIPPED WITH BRENNAN HYDRAULIC HOSE ADAPTER FITTINGS. THE ADAPTER FITTINGS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS BEING DEFECTIVE IN THAT THEY MAY CAUSE A PIECE OF THE FITTING TO SHEAR OFF OR MAY RESULT IN A HYDRAULIC LEAK. IF THE ADAPTER FITTING FAILS, IT COULD CAUSE THE DUMP BED TO FREE FALL FROM A RAISED POSITION.

Consequence:

A FALLING DUMP BED COULD RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE ADAPTER FITTINGS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE JULY 31, 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BIG TEX TRAILER TOLL FREE AT 1-800-594-5637 EXT. 2121 OR THE REGULAR PHONE NUMBER AT (903) 575-0300 EXT. 2121.

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).

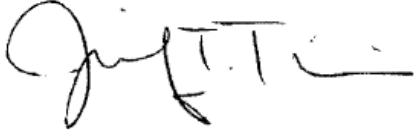
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

We have received your proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete. 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 1-202-366-9525, 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 read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement