



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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NVS-215kjs
11V-396

SUBJECT: TRAILER AXLES/WHEEL END FIRE

DEAR MR. MCCONNELL:

This letter serves to acknowledge Featherlite, Inc.'s (Featherlite) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign 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:

FEATHERLITE/TRAILER/2007-2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-396

Mfg's Report Date: March 1, 2011

Components: POWER TRAIN:AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 127

Summary:

FEATHERLITE IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2007 THROUGH 2012 FEATHERLITE TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH ARVINMERITOR AXLES THAT CONTAIN THE FAG BRAND BEARING SYSTEM. THE BEARING SYSTEM HAS EXHIBITED LOW DURABILITY LIFE IN CERTAIN VEHICLE APPLICATIONS.

Consequence:

PROLONGED USE OF THE SYSTEM IN THESE APPLICATIONS CAN RESULT IN THE DEGRADATION OF THE BEARING GREASE, THEREBY POTENTIALLY RESULTING IN A BEARING FAILURE AND SUBSEQUENT WHEEL END FIRE.

Remedy:

FEATHERLITE HAS NOTIFIED OWNERS AND ARVINMERITOR IS PERFORMING THE REPAIRS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL BEGAN ON MARCH 29, 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT ARVINMERITOR'S ONTRAC PERFORMANCE PLUS CALL CENTER AT 1-866-668-7221 OR FEATHERLITE AT 1-563-547-6000.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY 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:

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).

It is our understanding that ArvinMeritor will be filing quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If ArvinMeritor's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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