



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

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NVS-215dgl
11V-479

Subject: AUTOMATIC SLACK ADJUSTER/ACCURIDE/GUNITE

DEAR MR. WINKLEY:

This letter serves to acknowledge Silver Eagle Manufacturing Company's 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:

SILVER EAGLE/FALCON DOLLIES/2010-2011
SILVER EAGLE/HAWK DOLLIES/2010-2011
SILVER EAGLE/TANDEM DOLLIES/2010-2011

Mfg's Report Date: September 16, 2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-479

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, AIR: SLACK ADJUSTERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 43

Summary:

SILVER EAGLE IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010-2011 HAWK, TANDEM AND FALCON DOLLIES MANUFACTURED FROM NOVEMBER 18, 2010, THROUGH MARCH 24, 2011, AND EQUIPPED WITH GUNITE AUTOMATIC SLACK ADJUSTERS. DUE TO AN INCOMPLETE "KNITTING" OF THE IRON AT THE TIME OF CASTING, INADEQUATE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF THE SLACK ADJUSTER HOUSING CAN OCCUR, WHICH COULD CAUSE THE HOUSING TO BREAK AT THE HANDLE UNDER NORMAL OPERATING LOADS.

Consequence:

SLACK ADJUSTERS WITH THIS FLOW NOTCH COULD CRACK UNDER NORMAL BRAKING CONDITIONS CAUSING LOSS OF BRAKING WHICH COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

SILVER EAGLE NOTIFIED OWNERS AND ACCURIDE IS HANDLING THE REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. PLEASE SEE NHTSA RECALL 11E-008. THE SAFETY RECALL BEGAN ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT ACCURIDE AT 1-855-857-8645 OR SILVER EAGLE AT 1-800-547-6792.

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).

It is our understanding that notification to owners began on September 16, 2011, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. In the future, please ensure this office reviews a draft of your proposed owner notification letter at least five business days before you intend to mail those letters. Should it become necessary for Silver Eagle 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 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 your report, Accuride will be handling the remedy, and 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 Accuride's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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 "Ric Willard" with "for" written below the first name.

Ric Willard
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement