



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

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MR. TODD HEITMAN
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NVS-215kjs
11V-481

SUBJECT: AUTOMATIC SLACK ADJUSTER/ACCURIDE/GUNITE

DEAR MR. HEITMAN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Wilson Trailer Company's (Wilson Trailer) 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:
WILSON/GRAIN TRAILER/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-481 **Mfg's Report Date:** September 16, 2011

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:SLACK ADJUSTERS:AUTOMATIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 4

Summary:
WILSON TRAILER IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 GRAIN TRAILERS MANUFACTURED FROM OCTOBER 15, 2010, THROUGH JANUARY 31, 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:

WILSON TRAILER WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND THE SLACK ADJUSTERS WILL BE REPLACED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING SEPTEMBER 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT ACCURIDE AT 1-812-962-5000 OR WILSON TRAILER AT 1-712-252-6477.

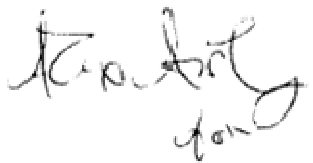
Notes:

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).

As stated in your report, Accuride will be handling the owner notification, 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 Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5227, 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 "Ric Willard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "W".

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