



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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MR. DENNIS ROSA
OWNER
ROSA TRAILER MFG.
9743-A HWY 8 WEST
CRANDON, WI 54520

NVS-215kjs
11V-601

SUBJECT: AUTOMATIC SLACK ADJUSTER

DEAR MR. ROSA:

This letter serves to acknowledge Rosa Trailer MFG.'s (Rosa 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:
ROSA/ROSA TRAILERS/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-601 **Mfg's Report Date:** December 14, 2011

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:SLACK ADJUSTERS:AUTOMATIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3

Summary:

ROSA TRAILER MFG. (ROSA TRAILER) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 TRAILERS MANUFACTURED FROM OCTOBER 15, 2010 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2011, 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:

IF THE SLACK ADJUSTER HOUSING WERE TO BREAK, THE WHEEL BRAKE TO WHICH THE SLACK ADJUSTER IS ATTACHED WOULD NO LONGER FUNCTION, CAUSING THE VEHICLE TO HAVE REDUCED BRAKING CAPACITY AND, IF MOUNTED ON THE STEER AXLE, THE VEHICLE COULD PULL TO ONE SIDE, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

ROSA TRAILER WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE SLACK ADJUSTERS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT ROSA TRAILERS AT 1-715-478-3435.

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).

We understand that Rosa trailer was made aware of their recall reporting obligations when they received EQ11-004 from the Office of Defects Investigation. Be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. (49 CFR 573.6) Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation. (49 U.S.C. 30165(a)(1))

We have received Rosa Trailer's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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 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.

For your convenience, we have enclosed a quarterly report form which you can use to file with us.

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 toward a 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

1 Enclosure:
Quarterly Report Form