



Great Dane Trailers

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Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: 10E-058

Dear Mr. Smith:

This notice is being sent in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573 of the National Highway Traffic Safety Act.

Great Dane Trailers has been advised by ArvinMeritor that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain ArvinMeritor Trailer axle's wheel end systems. The affected motor vehicle equipment is ArvinMeritor TL Series trailer axles assembled at ArvinMeritor's Frankfort, KY facility. The axles were shipped between April, 2005 and July, 2008.

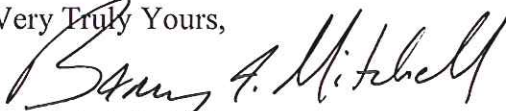
ArvinMeritor has received field reports of low torque on the spindle nut on TL Series axles installed in van trailers where the stake washer for the nut is staked in a single location as opposed to multiple locations. Low and or no torque on the nut can result in excessive end-play in the wheel-end system and could progress to a wheel separation which could result in a crash.

ArvinMeritor has advised Great Dane Trailers that they provided 262 TL Series axle assemblies to Great Dane Trailers during this time period. ArvinMeritor recommends that owners of trailers equipped with the suspect TL Series axles be contacted immediately and asked to inspect the wheel ends per Technical Bulletin TP0860. Affected trailers should be inspected as soon as possible by an authorized repair facility. This program will be managed by ArvinMeritor, and will be at no expense to the vehicle owners.

Great Dane Trailers is in the process of determining the customer names, addresses and trailer VIN's on which these TL Series axles were installed. Great Dane Trailers will notify the customers with the trailers affected by this recall per the attached customer notification letter as soon as it has been approved by your office and a recall number has been assigned.

If after your review of this information should you have any questions or need additional information please let us know.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry A. Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "B".

Barry A. Mitchell

Director – Customer Service/Warranty

CUSTOMER_NAME	CUSTOMER_SHIP_TO_LOCATION	PART_NUMBER	SERIAL_NUM BER	SHIP_DATE
GREAT DANE TRAILERS INC	FRK/TERRE HAUTE/GD,GREAT DANE TRAILERS,TERRE HAUTE,IN,47805,US	MPA38S65TL1163	FRK00389219	11/1/2007
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