



Great Dane Trailers

A Division of Great Dane Limited Partnership

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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: Side Door Ramp Bracket Attachment

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 determined that one design of our side door ramp bracket installation contains a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety and may result in ramp bracket clip fastener failure. If the bracket clip fastener fails then the ramp could become disengaged from the trailer resulting in a fall and or serious injury. The defect exists in 320 Great Dane Trailers Model year 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 Refrigerated Semi-Trailers.

To address and remedy this defect Great Dane Trailers has designed a field repair modification which has been attached to this letter. Customers with trailers equipped with this design bracket installation should take their trailers to a Great Dane Branch or Dealer facility for modification.

Great Dane Trailers has determined the customer name, address and trailer VIN's on which this design was installed. Great Dane Trailers will notify the customer 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,

Barry A. Mitchell

Director – Customer Service/Warranty