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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
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11V-215
(3 Pages)

Subject: Gunitite Automatic Slack Adjuster Recall
Gunitite File: 11E-008 NHTSA File: Not Assigned

Reference: (a) 49 CFR Part 573.6

To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with Reference (a), Hyundai Translead herewith reports a safety campaign involving approximately 3856 Hyundai Translead Dry Van Trailers, Refrigerated Trailers, Converter Dollies and Container Chassis manufactured between October 2010 and March 2011 with Gunitite automatic slack adjusters.

Attached is Hyundai Translead's Defect Information Report.

Hyundai Translead's point of contact for this matter is Vincent R. Vold, Senior Manager Product Services, Warranty Team who may be contacted at [T] 619.680.3144, [F] 619.209.5621 or [Email] vincentv@translead.com.

Sincerely,

Martin Forsyth
Director of Warranty

Enclosures: (1) Defect Information Report (49 CFR Part 573.6)
(2) Draft Owner Notification Letter
(3) Draft Owner Notification Letter Envelope

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Defect Information Report (49 CFR Part 573.6)

573.6(c)(1) Manufacturer: Hyundai Translead; 8880 Rio San Diego Dr., Ste. 600; San Diego CA 92108-1640; 619.680.3144

573.6(c)(2) Vehicle Identification: Certain Hyundai Translead Dry Van Trailers, Refrigerated Trailers, Container Chassis and Converter Dollies as determined by Gunite shipment records and Hyundai Translead procurement, assembly and quality control documentation.

Models Affected: Various Models as follows:

Total Number of Suspect Vehicles	5112
Total Number of Suspect Vehicles in Hyundai Translead Inventory Inspected (or scheduled for inspection)	1256

Total Number of Suspect Vehicles in Field	3856
Total Number of Suspect Vehicles Potentially Affected by Campaign	3856

Vehicles in the Field by Category

Dry Freight Van Trailers	1997
Refrigerated Trailers	110
Container Chassis (New)	412
Container Chassis (Remac)	1327
Converter Dollies	10

Manufacture Dates: October 2010 through March 2011

Component Manufacturer: Gunite Corporation, 302 Peoples Avenue, Rockford, IL 61104

573.6(c)(3) Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected by Campaign: 3856

573.6(c)(4) Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Contain Defect: Unknown

- 573.6(c)(5) Defect Description:** The suspect automatic slack adjusters have housings that potentially contain a flow notch (casting defect) in the handle of the slack adjuster. Slack adjusters with this flow notch could under normal braking load result in a broken housing that may cause the brake to be inoperative, thereby increasing stopping distance and possibly result in a vehicle crash.
- 573.6(c)(6) Chronology of Principal Events:**
March 16, 2011 – Received electronic transmittal of Defect Information Notice dated March 15, 2011 from Accuride Corp., parent company of Gunitite Corporation. Ref. NHTSA File 11E-008
March 17, 2011 – Received hard copy of Defect Information Notice from Accuride Corp via US Mail.
March 22, 2011 – Submitted Hyundai Translead Defect Information Report to NHTSA via electronic transmittal (email attachment). Original to follow via certified mail.
- 573.6(c)(7) Noncompliance – test or other data:** Not applicable.
- 573.6(c)(8) Remedial Program:** Gunitite Service Advisory GUN2.0014 dated February 18, 2011 will be forwarded to the owner(s) of potentially affected vehicles.
- Estimated Owner Notification Date:** Within 5 working days of notification of NHTSA approval of draft owner notification letter.
- Reimbursement Plan:** Gunitite Corp states they will provide replacement slack adjusters for those found to have the matching lot and mold line codes noted in Gunitite Service Advisory GUN2.0014. Gunitite will also reimburse for transportation charges incurred in returning the slack adjusters and reasonable expenses incurred in inspecting slack adjusters in the customer's possession. Any customer who has incurred cost for repair of their vehicle or slack adjuster due to the described defect may also be entitled to reimbursement.
- 573.6(c)(9) Information for Tire Recalls:** Not applicable.
- 573.6(c)(10) Communications:** A draft owner notification letter and sample envelope are attached for review.
- 573.6(c)(11) Manufacturer's Campaign No.:** None Assigned