

**Great Dane Trailers**

A Division of Great Dane Limited Partnership

March 21, 2010

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: 11E-008

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.

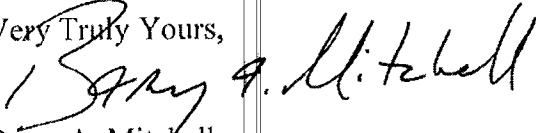
Great Dane Trailers has been advised by Accuride Corporation that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain slack adjusters manufactured by Gunite in its Rockford, IL and Elkhart, IN plants during the period October 15, 2010 through January 31, 2011. Some slack adjusters manufactured during that period contained housings that could potentially have a flow notch in the handle of the slack adjuster. Slack adjusters that have this flow notch could under normal braking load result in a broken housing that may cause the brakes to be inoperative that could increase the stopping distance and possibly result in a vehicle crash. Gunite's records show that slack adjusters made during this time period may have been shipped to Great Dane Trailers. Not all slack adjusters shipped during this timeframe have this condition, but to ensure that all potential slack adjusters are properly inspected, Gunite is recalling all of the slack adjusters with the specified date codes.

Accuride will replace all subject slack adjusters manufactured on the subject dates. This will be done at no charge. Great Dane Trailers has identified 56 model year 2011 Semi Van and Reefer trailers that were produced with the suspect 184 slack adjusters identified by Accuride/Gunite.

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. Accuride/Gunite will conduct the recall remedy per our customer letter and provide quarterly reports as required.

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