

**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: Aluminum Flatbed Trailer Suspension Bracket Bolts

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 a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in 119 Great Dane Trailers Model Year 2010 and 2011 GPA aluminum flatbed trailers. The lock nuts and bolts attaching the air ride suspension hangers to the trailer are defective which may result in loss of fastener torque allowing the suspension hangers to become loose or detach from the trailer resulting in a loss of control or a crash.

To address and remedy this defect Great Dane Trailers will replace all defective suspension nuts and bolts on these 119 trailers. Customers should present their trailer/s to the nearest Great Dane Branch or Dealer for inspection and replacement of defective fasteners.

Great Dane Trailers has determined the Customer Names, addresses, and trailer VIN's on which the defective fasteners were used. Great Dane Trailers will notify these customers per the attached customer recall 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