



**Great Dane Trailers**

A Division of Great Dane Limited Partnership

April, 2011

**SAFETY RECALL NOTICE 11V-216**

Customer  
Address  
Address  
City, State Zip

VIN's:

Re: Gunite Automatic Slack Adjuster

To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Great Dane Trailers has decided that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain trailers based on information provided by Accuride Corporation. The defect exists in certain slack adjusters manufactured during the period October 15, 2010 through January 31, 2011 by Gunite in its Rockford, IL and Elkhart, IN plants. Some slack adjusters manufactured during that time period contain housings that could potentially have a flow notch in the handle of the slack adjuster. Slacks that have this flow notch could under normal braking load result in a broken housing that may cause the brake to be inoperative which could increase the stopping distance and result in a vehicle crash. Gunite's records show that slacks made during the time period listed may have been provided to Great Dane Trailers and installed on trailers with the above listed vehicle identification numbers (VIN's).

To address and remedy this defect you should contact Gunite Customer Service at 1-800-677-3786. Gunite is requesting that all slack adjusters with the specified date codes be returned. Gunite will replace all slack adjusters that contain the combination mold line and lot codes that match the attached list per Gunite Service Advisory NO: GUN2.0014 which is attached. Gunite will also reimburse you for transportation charges incurred in returning the slack adjusters and reasonable expenses incurred in inspecting the slack adjusters. Any customer who has incurred cost for repair of their vehicle or slack adjuster due to the above defect prior to notification may also be entitled to reimbursement.

If you have any questions or require further information you may contact Great Dane Customer Service at 1-877-369-3493.

If you conclude that Gunitite or Great Dane Trailers has not enabled you to remedy this slack adjuster recall condition without charge and/or in a reasonable time, a complaint may be submitted to the:

Administrator  
National Highway Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

-or-

Call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline: 1-888-327-4236;  
(TTY: 800-424-9153 or go to <http://www.safecar.gov> )

We regret any inconvenience that this situation may have caused. Great Dane Trailers and Accuride Corporation/Gunitite want to assure you that we are concerned for customer safety and your continued satisfaction with our products.

Sincerely,

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

Barry A. Mitchell  
Director – Customer Service/Warranty  
Great Dane Trailers