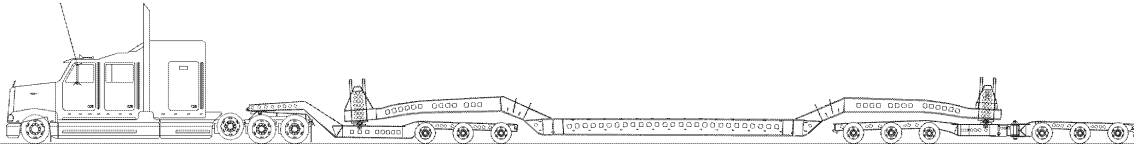




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March 30th, 2011

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE – OWNER NOTIFICATION LETTER

RE: Gunite Automatic Slack Adjusters manufactured on October 15, 2010 through January 31, 2011

Dear Kalyn Siebert/ Gunite Slack Adjuster Customer:

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

REASON FOR THIS INSPECTION CAMPAIGN

Kalyn Siebert has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain slack adjusters manufactured by Gunite in its Rockford, Illinois and Elkhart, Indiana 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 brake to be inoperative that could increase the stopping distance and possibly result in a vehicle crash. Gunite's records show that 112 slacks made during the period described above may have been shipped to Kalyn Siebert between those dates, some of which may be incorporated on your Kalyn Siebert trailer. Not all slack adjusters shipped during this time frame have this condition, but to ensure that all potential slack adjusters are properly inspected, Gunite is requesting that all of the slack adjusters with the specified date codes be returned to Gunite.

WHAT WE WILL DO

Gunite will replace all parts containing the mold line and lot numbers numbers slack adjusters that contain the combination mold line and lot codes that match the list below. The replacement will be provided at no charge to you.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO

Current trailer owners should inspect all their Gunite slack adjusters (mold line and lot numbers) to determine whether any of them have the matching identification codes below. Dealer distributors should inspect all Gunite slack adjusters in their inventory on trailers not yet shipped to its customers to determine whether any of them have the matching identification codes below. If so, the slack adjusters should not be used. You should contact Gunite immediately and return the slack adjusters to Gunite. Gunite will promptly and without charge to you replace the slack adjusters containing the matching mold line and lot codes noted below. Gunite will also reimburse you for transportation charges incurred in returning the slack adjusters and reasonable expenses incurred in inspecting the slack adjusters in your possession.

The slack adjusters potentially involved are Gunite **brand automatic slack adjusters** bearing the following lot number and mold identification codes:

Lot Numbers and Corresponding Mold Line Nomenclature

<u>Lot Nos.</u>	<u>Mold Line</u>	<u>Lot Nos.</u>	<u>Mold Line</u>	<u>Lot Nos.</u>	<u>Mold Line</u>	<u>Lot Nos.</u>	<u>Mold Line</u>
0I06	1H	0K02	1H	1A15	1H	0K26	H
0I07	1H	0K04	1H	1A21	1H		
0I14	1H	0K10	1H	1A22	1H		
0I15	1H	0K12	1H				
0I17	1H	0K18	1H				
0I18	1H	0K22	1H				
0I19	1H	0K24	1H				
0I20	1H	0L12	1H				
0I26	1H	0L18	1H				
0J06	1H	0L22	1H				
0J07	1H	0L24	1H				
		0L28	1H				
		0L30	1H				

The lot number and mold line nomenclature are cast into the housing on each slack adjuster and can be found on the inside of the slack adjuster close to the outside flange. See attached Gunite Service Advisory.

If some of the slack adjusters potentially involved may already have left your control, please advise Gunite promptly so that arrangements may be made to identify your customers to whom vehicles with affected slack adjusters may have been shipped and for notification of those customers of this letter and product inspection campaign.

If you have difficulty identifying the date stamping on the slack adjuster or have any questions or to report on slack adjusters involved you may contact Gunite at 1-855-857-8645 between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Central time, Monday through Friday.

Defected slack adjuster(s) should be shipped to **Gunite 302 Peoples Avenue, Rockford, IL 61104; Attention Field Engineering**. Be sure to include your name, address and telephone number with any slack adjuster(s) returned to Gunite. It is recommended you contact Gunite before shipment to ensure the slack adjuster is properly identified for handling. All slack adjusters containing the matching lot numbers and mold line identifiers will be replaced free of charge to you. Slack adjusters sent to Gunite for inspections that are not included in the inspection campaign will be returned to you. Gunite will reimburse you for shipping costs involved in returning product with matching lot numbers and mold line identifiers. Any customer who has incurred cost for repair of their vehicle or slack adjuster due to the above described defect prior to notification may also be entitled to reimbursement.

If, after contacting Gunite and/or returning a slack adjuster subject to this product inspection campaign, you are not able to have a slack adjusters subject to this product inspection campaign replaced without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590 or call 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Gunite is sorry to cause this inconvenience; however, we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and continued satisfaction with Gunite slack adjusters.

Best regards,

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