



Kentucky Trailer Manufacturing

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RE: Gunite Automatic Slack Adjuster Recall – NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-241, Serial Number 230120

Dear

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

Kentucky Trailer Manufacturing, based upon information provided by Gunite Corporation, the supplier of the slack adjusters equipped on your trailer, has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain trailers with Gunite Automatic Slack Adjusters – Part Numbers 5 ½ inch 900SA10802, (KY Trailer part number 3820010802) and 6 inch 900SA10803, (KY Trailer part number 3820010803) - manufactured between October 15, 2010 and January 31, 2011 in its Rockford, Illinois and Elkhart, Indiana plants. 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 which could increase the stopping distance and possibly result in a vehicle crash.

Our records show that slack adjusters made during this period may have been included on trailers manufactured for your company. Not all slack adjusters during this timeframe have this condition, but to ensure that any defective slack adjuster is identified and replaced, Gunite is requesting that all of the slack adjusters with the specified date codes be returned.

Kentucky Trailer will pay for the inspection, replacement cost, and material shipping associated with this safety recall. Gunite will reimburse your labor for inspecting each slack adjuster and if subject parts are found, Gunite will reimburse your labor to replace each slack adjuster. You should inspect all Gunite slack adjusters on your trailers, including trailers in use and not in use to determine whether any of them have the matching identifications codes. Please contact Kentucky Trailer immediately should any of your vehicles contain the defective adjuster and we will send you a new replacement slack adjuster.

Kentucky Trailer will replace all subject part numbers that contain the combination mold line and lot codes that match the list below at no charge. 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 the enclosed service advisories for inspection instructions.

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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				

Please contact Ricky Richardson at 1.888.598.7245 x 602, 502.637.2551 x 602, or rrichardson@kytrailer.com to send reimbursement for inspection and/or labor costs, to return any defective adjusters, or to request replacement slack adjusters; additionally, if you have had your vehicle repaired for this defect, Kentucky Trailer will reimburse for any expenses you have incurred. Contact Ricky Richardson with any questions or concerns.

Kentucky Trailer has two service centers that can handle this inspection and replacement. These locations are:

Kentucky Trailer Services
355 Farmington Avenue
Louisville, KY 40209-1832
Toll Free: 1.866.638.6080
Phone: 502.638.6080

Western Truck and Trailer
10151 Calabash Avenue
Fontana, CA 92335
Phone: 909.823.0100

If you have questions for the Gunit Corporation you can contact them at 1.800.677.3786 between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Central time, Monday through Friday.

If after you have contacted Kentucky Trailer and/or Gunit Corporation and you are not able to have a slack adjuster 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, 1.888.327.4236 (TTY: 1.800.424.9153), or <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We are notifying our customers in the interest of your safety and continued satisfaction with Kentucky Trailer. Again we apologize for this inconvenience.

Sincerely,

Ricky Richardson
Technical Fleet Sales Support/Warranty Manager

Enclosures