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Halliburton
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Dear Sir or Madam:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. (49, CFR 573.6)

Mertz Manufacturing, LLC has decided that a defect which relates to trailer safety could exist in trailers supplied from November 2010 through March 2011.

The issue is with Slack Adjusters supplied by Gunite (Accuride). Gunite has discovered a possible casting flaw that could result in the casting breaking and not adjusting the drum brake of the trailer. Each trailer identified has two axles with a total of four Slack Adjusters that operate independently four drum brakes. If the slack Adjuster breaks the trailer could pull to one side during braking. If all four were to brake then the braking distance would be lengthen depending on total weight of the trailer.

Mertz has created a tracking spread sheet with all VIN numbers of the trailers that need to be inspected, and any Slack Adjuster that falls into the lot identified by Gunite removed and replaced. Removed Slack Adjusters are to be returned to Mertz or photo's supplied that show parts have been destroyed using a process created by Gunite. (Mertz will cover the cost of Labor and parts)

Mertz has created a Quality Report that shows how to identify these parts, the process of destroying the parts and taking photos. Mertz is also keeping track in a spread sheets the VIN numbers of each trailer to know which have been inspected and the trailers that still need to be inspected. This information has been shared with Halliburton and inspections in the field is in process to complete.

If you have any questions please contact:

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If after attempting to have your trailer repaired you believe you have not been able to have your trailer remedied without charge and within a reasonable amount of time, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey AVE., S.E. Washington, D.C., 20590; or call toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>

We apologize for any inconvenience this safety recall may cause, but safety is our first concern.

