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March 15, 2011

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SUBJECT: GUNITE AUTOMATIC SLACK ADJUSTER – NHTSA RECALL NOTICE NO. 11E-008

Dear Mr. Headrick:

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

Gunite Corporation 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 slack adjusters made during the period described above may have been shipped to you. The quantity, shipment date, ship to location, and bill of lading number are listed in the attached table(s). Not all slack adjusters shipped during this timeframe have this condition, but to ensure that all potential slack adjusters are properly inspected, Gunite is recalling all of the slack adjusters with the specified date codes.

Accuride will replace all subject part number slack adjusters manufactured on the subject dates. This will be done at no charge.

The slack adjusters potentially involved are **Gunite brand Automatic Slack Adjusters, Gunite Part Numbers 900SA10802 and 900SA10803** bearing the following date 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				
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		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).

You should inspect all Gunite slack adjusters **900SA10802** and **900SA10803** in your inventory or on vehicles not yet shipped to your 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.

You are required by NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) to submit a 573 report. If some of the slack adjusters potentially involved have already been mounted on vehicles and left your control, you are also required to send an owner notification letter on your letterhead to customers to whom vehicles with affected wheels may have been shipped. I have attached a sample owner notification letter that can be modified for your use. Your letter should be submitted to NHTSA for review prior to mailing.

If you have difficulty identifying the date codes on the slack adjuster, have any questions or wish to report on slack adjusters involved, you may contact me at 1-812-962-5024 or Accuride Field Engineering at 1-800-677-3786 between 7:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. central time, Monday through Friday.

If you have a slack adjuster manufactured during the identified dates, or if, after contacting Gunite, you cannot determine whether a particular slack adjuster is subject to this recall, the slack adjuster(s) should be shipped to:

Gunite Corporation
302 Peoples Avenue
Rockford, IL 61104
Attention: Field Engineering

Please mark wheels with "11E-008" for identification. Also, 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.

All slack adjusters manufactured with the identified dates codes will be replaced free of charge to you. Slack adjusters sent to Accuride for inspections that are not included in the recall will be returned to you. Accuride will reimburse you for shipping costs involved. Any customer who has incurred cost for repair of their vehicle or wheel due to the above described defect prior to notification may also be entitled to reimbursement.

Accuride 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.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM D. NOLL
Vice President, Corporate Quality

WDN/as
Enclosures

Kentucky Trailer

Shipments from 10/15/2010 to 1/30/2011

Sum of ILQTY		ship date										
ship to name	SIAD3	Bill of Lading #	ILPROD	20101026	20101103	20101104	20101221	20110103	20110111	20110117	20110124	Grand Total
KENTUCKY TRAILER RIVERPORT	LOUISVILLE	135222	900SA10803	24								24
		136264 Total		24								24
		136264	900SA10802		24							24
		136264 Total			24							24
		136366	900SA10802			100						100
		136366 Total				100						100
		140220	900SA10802				48					48
		140220 Total					48					48
		140415	900SA10802					60				60
		140415 Total						60				60
KENTUCKY TRAILER RIVERPORT	LOUISVILLE	140995	900SA10803						36			36
		140995 Total							36			36
		141401	900SA10802							146		146
		141401 Total								146		146
KENTUCKY TRAILER RIVERPORT	LOUISVILLE	142012	900SA10802								158	158
		142012 Total									158	158
LOUISVILLE Total												
KENTUCKY TRAILER RIVERPORT Total				24	24	100	48	60	36	146	158	596
Grand Total				24	24	100	48	60	36	146	158	596

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NO: GUN2.0014

Gunite® Automatic Slack Adjuster Inspection Instructions

Use the following instructions to inspect your inventory of Gunite® Automatic Slack Adjusters.

1. Remove the automatic slack adjuster from the box and plastic shipping bag.
2. Inspect the automatic slack adjuster in two locations to determine the lot number.
 - a. On the side of the slack adjuster housing you will see the name Gunite and either an "H" or "1H". See Figure A. This is the mold line nomenclature.
 - b. On the bottom of the slack adjuster you will see the lot number information. See Figure B.
 - c. If the combination of slack adjuster mold line and lot number exactly match any of the combinations in the table below, see Figure C, the slack adjuster must be returned to Gunite. Please contact Customer Service at 1-800-677-3786 to obtain a Return Goods Authorization (RGA) document.

Side of Slack Adjuster Housing

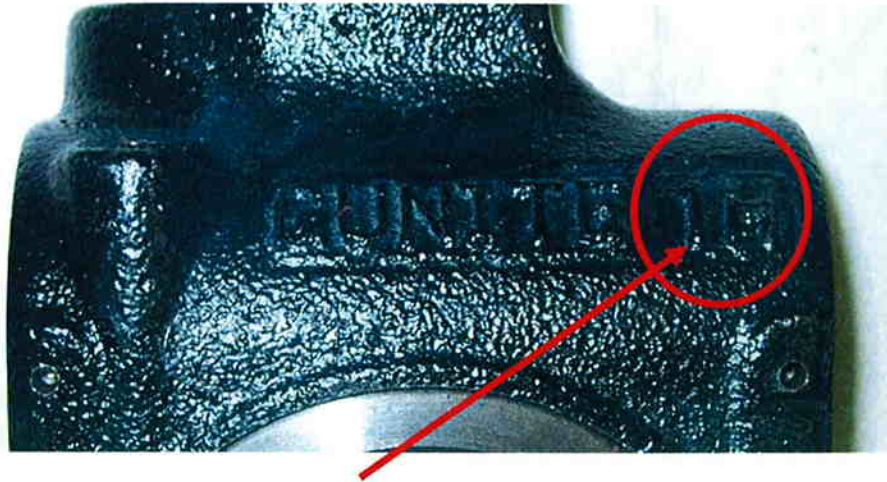


Figure A: Mold Line Nomenclature



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Bottom of Slack Adjuster Housing



Figure B: Lot Number

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>
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		0L28	1H				
		0L30	1H				

Figure C: Lot Numbers and Mold Line Nomenclature

All slack adjusters having the combined lot number and mold line number identified in the table in Figure C must be returned to Gunite. Please contact Customer Service at 1-800-677-3786 to obtain a Return Goods Authorization (RGA) document.



SAFETY RECALL NOTICE – OWNER NOTIFICATION LETTER

RE: Gunite Automatic Slack Adjuster – Part Numbers [xxxxx] manufactured on October 15, 2010 through January 31, 2011

Dear 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

Gunite 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 [number] slacks made during the period described above may have been shipped to you on [date(s)]. 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 part numbers [P/N] 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

You should inspect all Gunite slack adjusters (Gunite part numbers xxxxx) in your inventory or on vehicles not yet shipped to your 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**, Gunite **part numbers [xxxxxxx]** 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>
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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 Gunitite Service Advisory.

If some of the slack adjusters potentially involved may already have left your control, please advise Gunitite 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 Gunitite at 1-800-xxx-xxx between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Central time, Monday through Friday.

If you have a slack adjuster manufactured during the identified dates, or if, after contacting Gunitite, you cannot determine whether a particular slack adjuster is subject to this product inspection campaign, the slack adjuster(s) should be shipped to **Gunitite 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 Gunitite. It is recommended you contact Gunitite 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 Gunitite for inspections that are not included in the inspection campaign will be returned to you. Gunitite 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 Gunitite 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>.

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