



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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MR. JACK YENNE  
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NVS-215et  
12V-084

**SUBJECT: E/H BRAKE ACTUATOR**

**DEAR MR. YENNE:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Peterson Industries Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**  
EXCEL/LIMITED/2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-084      **Mfg's Report Date:** February 12, 2012

**Components:** EQUIPMENT: RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 16

**Summary:**

PETERSON INDUSTRIES, INC. IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2012 EXCEL LIMITED RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, EQUIPPED WITH ELECTRIC/HYDRAULIC (E/H) BRAKE ACTUATOR PUMPS. SOME OF THESE PUMPS MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PROPERLY HEAT TREATED. THIS CONDITION CAN CAUSE PREMATURE WEAR OF SOME CRITICAL COMPONENTS IN THESE PUMPS WHICH CAN RENDER THE UNIT INOPERABLE.

**Consequence:**

THE E/H BRAKE ACTUATOR PROVIDES BRAKING POWER TO THE TRAILER BRAKES. FAILURE OF THE ACTUATOR CAN RESULT IN THE LOSS OF BRAKING EFFORT BY THE TRAILER, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

PETERSON WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE ACTUATORS, FREE OF CHARGE. PETERSON HAS NOT PROVIDED A NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT PETERSON INDUSTRIES AT 1-800-368-3759.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Peterson's proposed owner notification letter and envelope and they are currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

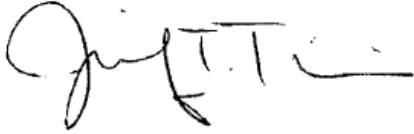
Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Edison Thompson, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, by email at [Edison.Thompson@dot.gov](mailto:Edison.Thompson@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement