



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215kjs  
12V-129

Subject: BRAKE ACTUATORS

DEAR MR. STEWART:

This letter serves to acknowledge EZ Loader Adjustable Boat Trailer Corp., Inc.'s (EZ Loader) 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:**  
EZ LOADER/BOAT TRAILER/2012

**Mfg's Report Date:** March 15, 2012    **NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-129

**Components:** SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 21

**Summary:**  
EZ LOADER IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2012 EZ LOADER BOAT TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH A CARLISLE HYDRASTAR BRAKE ACTUATOR. ONE OF THE ROTATING COMPONENTS IN THE HYDRAULIC PUMP MISSED A HEAT TREAT OPERATION CAUSING THE ACTUATOR TO WEAR AT A HIGHER THAN NORMAL RATE. AS A RESULT, THE HYDRAULIC PUMP COULD FAIL AND RESULT IN A LOSS OF BRAKING ABILITY IN THE TRAILER.

**Consequence:**

LOSS OF BRAKING ABILITY CAN LEAD TO LOSS OF CONTROL OF THE TRAILER, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH, SERIOUS INJURIES, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE.

**Remedy:**

THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED THE AGENCY WITH A REMEDY OR NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT EZ LOADER AT 1-509-489-0181.

**Notes:**

OWNERS MAY ALSO 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).

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.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. 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).

Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the build date range of vehicles affected by this recall.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter in which the campaign was initiated. Thereafter, quarterly reports will be due on or before 30 days after close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5227, by email at [Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov](mailto:Kelly.Schuler@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 large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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