



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

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NVS-215kjs  
12V-144

Subject: ELECTRIC/HYDRAULIC PUMP ACTUATOR

DEAR MR. MITSCHELEN:

This letter serves to acknowledge MO Trailers Corporation's (MO Trailers) 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:**

MO TRAILERS/39 VS/2011

MO TRAILERS/41 VS/2011

**Mfg's Report Date:** March 21, 2012    **NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-144

**Components:** EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 5

**Summary:**

MO TRAILERS CORPORATION (MO TRAILERS) IS RECALLING THREE MODEL YEAR 2011 39 VS AND 41 VS TRAILERS, EQUIPPED WITH ELECTRIC/HYDRAULIC (E/H) BRAKE ACTUATOR PUMPS. TWO ADDITIONAL AFFECTED ACTUATORS WERE SOLD AS RETAIL PARTS SALES. 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:**

MO TRAILER NOTIFIED THE OWNERS OF THE AFFECTED ACTUATORS ON MARCH 26, 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MO TRAILER AT 1-574-533-0824.

**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:

It is our understanding that notification to owners began on March 26, 2012, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for MO Trailer to do a renotification, the follow-up notification must be submitted to this office for review and it must comply with the requirements of Part 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision" and Part 577.10, "Follow-up notification."

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,

Handwritten signature of Jennifer Timian, consisting of a stylized cursive name and the initials 'for' written below it.

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