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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-2151rd
12V-156

SUBJECT: E/H BRAKE ACTUATOR

DEAR MR. ANDOE:

This letter serves to acknowledge Maxey Trailer, Inc.'s (Maxey 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 equipment 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:
GOOSENECK/TANDEM DUAL/2011

Mfg's Report Date: April 3, 2012 **NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-156

Components: EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 14

Summary:

MAXEY TRAILER IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 GOOSENECK TANDEM DUAL FLATBED TRAILERS MANUFACTURED FROM SEPTEMBER 2011 THROUGH DECEMBER 2011, EQUIPPED WITH DEXTER AXLE 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:

MAXEY TRAILERS MAILED NOTICES OF THE RECALL TO OWNERS ON APRIL 2, 2012. DEXTER AXLE DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE E/H BRAKE ACTUATOR PUMPS FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MAXEY TRAILERS AT 1-903-784-8059.

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 April 2, 2012, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for Maxey Trailers 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 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 1-202-366-9525, by email at Edison.Thompson@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
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Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement