



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

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April 16, 2012

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PRESIDENT
CUSTOM BUILT GOOSENECK TRAILERS, INC.
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SULPHUR SPRINGS, TX 75482

NVS-2151rd
12V-167

SUBJECT: E/H BRAKE ACTUATOR

DEAR MR. NICHOLS:

This letter serves to acknowledge Custom Built Gooseneck Trailers, Inc.'s (CBGT) 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:
CBGT/GOOSENECK TRAILER/2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-167

Mfg's Report Date: April 11, 2012

Components: EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2

Summary:

CUSTOM BUILT GOOSENECK TRAILERS, INC. (CBGT) IS RECALLING 1 25' AND 1 40' MODEL YEAR 2012 TRAILERS, MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JANUARY 14, 2011, AND JANUARY 18, 2012, EQUIPPED WITH AN ELECTRIC/HYDRAULIC (E/H) BRAKE ACTUATOR PUMP. THIS PUMP MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PROPERLY HEAT TREATED. THIS CONDITION CAN CAUSE PREMATURE WEAR OF SOME CRITICAL COMPONENTS IN THIS PUMP 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:

CBGT WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE ELECTRIC/HYDRAULIC (E/H) BRAKE ACTUATOR PUMPS, FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CUSTOM BUILT GOOSENECK TRAILERS, INC. AT 1-903-383-2896.

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).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

It is our understanding that notification letters to owners were sent on April 6, 2012, and before this office was given the opportunity to review those letter as required.. Should we find this notification to be inadequate or should it otherwise become necessary for CBGT 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."

Please send a copy of the notice that was mailed to owners so we may update the recall file.

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).

It is our understanding that Dexter Axle will be providing quarterly reports on behalf of CBGT.

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, or through the office email at 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 fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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