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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215et
12V-290

SUBJECT: BRAKE ACTUATOR

DEAR MR. MAPLES:

This letter serves to acknowledge Tracker Marine, LLC's (Tracker Marine) 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:

TRAILSTAR/NITRO Z7/2012
TRAILSTAR/NITRO Z7 SPORT/2012
TRAILSTAR/NITRO Z8/2012
TRAILSTAR/NITRO Z9/2012
TRAILSTAR/NITRO 290 SPORT/2012
TRAILSTAR/TAHOE Q8/2012
TRAILSTAR/TAHOE 22/2012
TRAILSTAR/TAHOE Q4/2012-2013
TRAILSTAR/TAHOE Q5/2012-2013
TRAILSTAR/TAHOE Q7/2012-2013
TRAILSTAR/TAHOE 195/2012-2013
TRAILSTAR/TAHOE 215/2012-2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-290

Mfg's Report Date: June 25, 2012

Components: EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 589

Summary:

TRACKER MARINE IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2012-2013 TRAILSTAR NITRO AND TAHOE BOAT TRAILERS, MANUFACTURED FROM SEPTEMBER 28, 2011, THROUGH MAY 13, 2012. VARIANCE OF A BRACKET WELDED IN THE BRAKE ACTUATOR SHELL PREVENTS THE FULL RANGE OF MOTION OF THE MASTER CYLINDER SHAFT ROD. THIS CAN CAUSE THE BRAKES TO OVERHEAT AT THE WHEELS. EXCESSIVE HEAT MAY LEAD TO BRAKE FAILURE AND/OR POSSIBLE WHEEL BEARING FAILURE.

Consequence:

IF EITHER OCCURS THERE IS AN INCREASED RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

TRACKER MARINE WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE BRAKE ACTUATORS, FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL WILL BEGIN IN EARLY-JULY 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT TRACKER MARINE AT 1-417-873-4588.

Notes:

TRACKER MARINE'S CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS TS-0027. 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 your proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following information:

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 the 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, or 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Timian", with a stylized, cursive script.

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