



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

August 16, 2012

Mr. Kerk Ryan
President
ALUMINA, INC
7450 Industrial Parkway
Lorain, OH 44053

NVS-215ET
12V-381

Subject: E/H BRAKE ACTUATOR

Dear Mr. Ryan:

This letter serves to acknowledge ALUMINA, INC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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:

BOATWHEELS/PB27-TH1200/2011
BOATWHEELS/PB36-RS2100/2011

Mfr's Report Date: July 31, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-381

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2

Problem Description:

Alumina, Inc., dba Boatwheels, is recalling a model year 2011 PB27-TH1200 and a 2011 PB36-RS2100 trailer each equipped with a Dexter Axle brand electric/hydraulic (E/H) brake actuator pump. 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:

Alumina will notify owners, and Alumina dealers will replace the actuators, free of charge. The recall began in early August 2012. Owners may contact Alumina, Inc. at 1-419-433-2300.

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 www.safercar.gov.

The Alumina defect report states that notification to owners began on August 1, 2012, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for Alumina 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 provide a representative copy of the owner letter and envelope used in the owner notification for this recall.

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 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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