



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

August 30, 2012

Mr. James McClain
MCCLAIN TRAILERS, INC.
7203 Cowart Street
Houston, TX 77020

NVS-215ET
12V-414

Subject: Wheel Separation

Dear Mr. McClain:

This letter serves to acknowledge MCCLAIN TRAILERS, 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:

MCCLAIN/AT/2011-2012
MCCLAIN/ATT/2011-2012

Mfr's Report Date: August 20, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-414

Components:
WHEELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 146

Problem Description:

McClain Trailers (McClain) is recalling certain model year 2011-2012 AT and ATT boat trailers equipped with Carlisle Tire and Wheel brand aluminum wheels installed as original equipment. These wheels were manufactured with machine dimensions for the application of a center cap and the application of steel lug inserts that were not controlled to the required specifications. As a result, the wheel may not be tightened to the proper torque during the mounting process.

Consequence:

If the wheels are not tightened to the proper torque, the wheels could loosen, leading to wheel separation, possibly resulting in a vehicle crash. A detached wheel also becomes a road hazard.

Remedy:

McClain will notify owners, and Carlisle Tire and Wheel dealers will repair or replace the affected wheels free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during August 2012. Owners may contact McClain Trailers at 1-713-675-2761.

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 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.

McClain Trailers must submit a sample of the envelope in which you intend to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY," "RECALL," and "NOTICE," in any order, must be printed on the envelope in all capital letters, in a type larger than that used in the address section, and in a manner distinguishable from the other type in a manner other than size (for example, in a different font or color).

The information in your report suggests that McClain Trailers may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 your report, we understand that Carlisle Tire and Wheel will be conducting the recall remedy and quarterly for this safety recall.

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,



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