



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Gregory Melius
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NVS-215KS
12V-598

Subject: Loose Mounting Hardware

Dear Mr. Melius:

This letter serves to acknowledge Jerr-Dan Corporation'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:

JERR-DAN/50 TON WRECKER/2009-2012

Mfr's Report Date: December 18, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-598

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 37

Problem Description:

Jerr-Dan is recalling certain model year 2009-2012 50 Ton Heavy-Duty Wrecker vehicles manufactured April 23, 2009, through July 31, 2012. The mounting hardware used to attach the front or middle of the wrecker frame to the truck chassis may become loose or fracture.

Consequence:

If the hardware becomes loose or fractured, the wrecker frame could partially detach from the chassis frame, increasing the risk of a crash or injury.

Remedy:

Jerr-Dan will notify owners, and dealers will replace the mounting bolts with bigger ones, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in January 2013. Owners may contact Jerr-Dan at 1-301-745-3713.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.



Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@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 'J Timian', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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