



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

April 17, 2013

Mr. Greg Friesen  
Load Trail LLC  
220 FM 2216  
Sumner, TX 75486

NVS-215KS  
13V-129

**Subject:** Trailer Brake Actuator may Fail

Dear Mr. Friesen:

This letter serves to acknowledge Load Trail LLC'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:**

LOAD MAX/HD GOOSENECKS/2011-2012

**Mfr's Report Date:** April 1, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V-129

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 51

**Problem Description:**

Load Trail LLC (Load Trail) is recalling certain model year 2011-2012 Load Max HD Goosenecks trailers manufactured October 21, 2011, through May 9, 2012. These vehicles are equipped with Carlisle hydraulic brake actuators. One of the rotating components in the hydraulic pump missed a heat treat operation causing the actuator to wear at a higher than normal rate. As a result, the hydraulic pump could fail and result in a loss of braking ability in the trailer.

**Consequence:**

Loss of braking ability can lead to loss of control of the trailer, increasing the risk of a crash, serious injuries, or property damage.

**Remedy:**

Load Trail will notify owners, and dealers will replace the hydraulic pumps free of charge. The recall is expected to begin April 30, 2013. Owners may contact Load Trail at 1-903-783-9300.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Load Trail's 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 requirements:

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](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto: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