



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

May 28, 2013

Mr. Clyde Walters
CFO
Elite Trailer Manufacturing, LLC
7700 SW 29th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73179

NVS-215KS
13V-209

Subject: Trailer Brake Actuator may Fail

Dear Mr. Walters:

This letter serves to acknowledge Elite Trailer Manufacturing, 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:
ELITE/LIVESTOCK TRAILER/2012

Mfr's Report Date: May 16, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-209

Components:
SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 9

Problem Description:

Elite Trailer Manufacturing is recalling certain model year 2012 Livestock Gooseneck trailers manufactured November 17, 2011, through January 17, 2012. These vehicles are equipped with Carlisle hydraulic brake actuators. One of the rotating components in the hydraulic brake pump missed a heat treating 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:

Elite Trailer has notified all affected owners and dealers have replaced all of the defective actuators. Owners may contact Elite Trailer at 1-800-657-7305

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 <http://www.safercar.gov>.

The information in your report suggests that Elite Trailer Manufacturing 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.

Per your defect report, all affected trailers have been remedied. Please submit one quarterly recall completion rate report listing a one hundred percent completion rate.

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 "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