



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

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Washington, DC 20590

February 20, 2014

Mr. Gary Frette
Cornelius Manufacturing, Inc.
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NVS-215KS
14V-011

Subject: Trailer Dovetail Mounting may Fail

Dear Mr. Frette:

This letter serves to acknowledge Cornelius Manufacturing, 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:

CORN PRO/DECKOVER FLATBED TRAILER/2012-2014

Mfr's Report Date: January 14, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-011

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 64

Problem Description:

Cornelius Manufacturing (Cornelius) is recalling certain 2012-2014 model year Deckover Flatbed Trailers manufactured February 2012 through November 2013, and equipped with a ten foot hydraulic dovetail. In the affected trailers, the welded boxes that allows the tail to pivot may fail.

Consequence:

If the boxes fail, only the hydraulic cylinders would remain to keep the tail from separating from the main part of the trailer. Should the cylinders fail, then the tail could detach, increasing the risk of an accident.

Remedy:

Cornelius Manufacturing will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the boxes and re-weld them if necessary, free of charge. The recall is scheduled to begin during February 2014. Customers may contact Cornelius at 1-812-636-4319.

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.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements are already in effect. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

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 the first name being the most prominent.

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