



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Steven Carr
E.D. Etnyre and Co.
1333 South Daysville Road
Oregon, IL 61061

NVS-215KS
14V-067

Subject: Automatic Slack Adjuster

Dear Mr. Carr:

This letter serves to acknowledge E.D. Etnyre and Co.'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:

ETNYRE/ASPHALT TRAILER/2012
ETNYRE/HEAVY HAUL TRAILER/2012
ETNYRE/LIVE BOTTOM TRAILER/2012

Mfr's Report Date: February 20, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-067

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:SLACK ADJUSTERS:AUTOMATIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 245

Problem Description:

E.D. Etnyre & Co. (Etnyre) is recalling certain model year 2012 asphalt tanker trailers, heavy haul trailers, and live bottom trailers manufactured November 2010, through April 2011, and equipped with Gunite Automatic Slack Adjusters. Due to incomplete "knitting" of the iron at the time of casting, inadequate structural integrity of the slack adjuster housing can occur, which could cause the housing to break at the handle under normal operating loads.

Consequence:

Slack adjusters with this flow notch could crack under normal braking conditions causing loss of braking which could result in a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

Etnyre has notified owners and all defective slack adjusters were replaced, free of charge. The recall began in April 2011. Owners may contact Etnyre at 1-800-995-2116.

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:

Your defect report states that all affected vehicles have already been remedied. Please submit one quarterly report listing a one hundred percent completion rate.

The information in your report suggests that Etnyre 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.

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 a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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