



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Sal Molina
Field Service Department
Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company
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NVS-215KS
14V-221

Subject: Axle Nuts May Be Over Tightened

Dear Mr. Molina:

This letter serves to acknowledge Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company'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:

UTILITY/VS1RA/2015
UTILITY/VS2RA/2015
UTILITY/VS3RA/2015

Mfr's Report Date: April 24, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-221

Components:

SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:NON-POWERED AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 507

Problem Description:

Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company (Utility) is recalling certain model year 2015 VS1RA, VS2RA, and VS3RA refrigerated vans manufactured January 6, 2014, through March 14, 2014. The affected trailers may have over-tightened axle nuts which may result in axle bearing failure.

Consequence:

Bearing failure may lead to a loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Utility has notified owners, and dealers will inspect the bearings, correct the axle nut tightening and verify the proper amount of wheel-end play, free of charge. The recall began on April 18, 2014. Owners may contact Utility customer service at 1-800-423-6591.

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.

It is our understanding that notification to owners began on April 18, 2014, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for Utility to do a renotification, the follow-up notification must be submitted to this office for review and it must comply with the requirements of Part 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision" and Part 577.10, "Follow-up notification."

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 "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