



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

June 30, 2014

Mr. Barry Mitchell  
Director, Customer Service/Warranty  
Great Dane Trailers  
602 E. Lathrop Avenue  
Savannah, GA 31402

NVS-215KS  
14V-275

**Subject:** Missing Pintle Hook Bogie Tube Welds

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

This letter serves to acknowledge Great Dane Trailers'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:**

GREAT DANE/DRY FREIGHT SEMI-TRAILER/2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** May 22, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-275

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 35

**Problem Description:**

Great Dane Trailers (Great Dane) is recalling certain model year 2015 Dry Freight Semi-Trailers. The affected trailers may be missing a weld from the pintle hook to the bogie tube.

**Consequence:**

The missing weld could result in trailer separation, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Great Dane has notified the affected owner, and Great Dane is inspecting the trailers and applying the missing welds, free of charge. The recall began in May 2014. Owners may contact Great Dane customer service at 1-877-369-3493.

**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).

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 required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

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 the first name being the most prominent.

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