



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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

NVS-215MR  
14V-653

**Subject:** Brake Drag on Converter Dolly

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/CONVERTER DOLLY/2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** October 16, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-653

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 125

**Problem Description:**

Great Dane Trailers (Great Dane) is recalling certain model year 2015 Converter Dolly trailers manufactured March 7, 2014, to May 16, 2014. Due a problem with a brake valve, the affected trailers may experience brake drag.

**Consequence:**

If the trailer brake drags, the wheel end may overheat, resulting in a fire. Also, the wheel may detach. Either condition increases the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Great dane will notify owners. The remedy for this recall is still under development. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. 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).

We have received Great Dane's proposed interim owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please provide your plan for remedying the affected trailers as soon as it has been determined.

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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at [michelle.rice@dot.gov](mailto:michelle.rice@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,



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Enforcement