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**Great Dane**

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Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Missing Pintle Hook Bogie Tube Welds

This notice is being sent in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573 of the National Highway Traffic Safety Act.

Great Dane has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in 35 Great Dane van semi-trailers model year 2015 manufactured at our Danville, PA plant. A weld from the pintle hook to bogie tube was omitted. The missing welds could result in a pintle hook detachment causing a loss of control, damage or a crash.

Great Dane has determined the vehicle identification numbers of the trailers on which this defect exists and has notified the one customer to whom they belong. To address and remedy this defect Great Dane has inspected the affected trailers and applied the missing welds to 32 of the 35 trailers. The remaining 3 trailers have been placed out of service by the customer and repairs have been scheduled by Great Dane.

If after your review of this information should you have any questions or need additional information please let us know.

Very Truly Yours,

Barry A. Mitchell  
Director, Customer Service/Warranty

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