



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

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NVS-215KS  
15V-437

**Subject:** Inadequate Power to Second Trailer's ABS/FMVSS 121

Dear Mr. Newman:

This letter serves to acknowledge VT Hackney, Inc.'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:**

KIDRON/REFRIGERATED TRAILER/2014-2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** July 1, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-437

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 49

**Problem Description:**

VT Hackney, Inc. (VT Hackney) is recalling certain model year 2014-2015 Kidron Refrigerated Trailers manufactured August 9, 2013, to June 15, 2015. The affected trailers have a main wiring harness that may not supply adequate power to the connector at the rear of the trailer. This rear connector is used when a second trailer is attached for doubles operation. As a result of the insufficient power, second trailer's anti-lock brake system (ABS) may not function properly. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the Requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 121, "Air Brake Systems."

**Consequence:**

If the ABS module on the second trailer does not function properly, the trailer may have an increased braking distance in an emergency braking situation, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

VT Hackney will notify owners, and dealers will install an additional power cable, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin July 30, 2015. Owners may contact VT Hackney customer service at 1-800-763-0700.

**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).



Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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


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](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,



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Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement