



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

December 15, 2015

Mr. Joe Vergel de Dios
Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company
17295 E. Railroad St.
City of Industry, CA 91748

NVS-215MR
15V-774

Subject: Brake Caliper Bolts may be Loose

Dear Mr. Vergel de Dios:

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/VS2RA/2015

Mfr's Report Date: November 17, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-774

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:DISC:CALIPER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 10

Problem Description:

Utility Trailer Manufacturing Company (Utility Trailer) is recalling certain model year 2015 Refrigerated Van trailers, model VS2RA, manufactured on December 16, 2013, and equipped with certain Meritor EX225L2, EX225L+, or Bendix ADB22X axles. The affected axle assemblies have caliper bolts that may not have been properly tightened, allowing the caliper mounting bolts to back out and the caliper to detach from the axle flange.

Consequence:

If the caliper detaches from the axle flange, braking performance would be reduced, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Utility Trailer has notified the owners, and dealers will inspect the caliper bolts, tightening them as necessary, free of charge. The recall began on November 4, 2015. Owners may contact Utility Trailer customer service at 1-818-965-1541, or Meritor customer service at 1-866-668-7221. Utility Trailer's number for this recall is 15E083.

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 November 4, 2015, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for Utility Trailer 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." Furthermore, the chronology of events for your filing states that Utility Trailer received the safety recall from Meritor thirteen days after you notified the selling dealer and customer.

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 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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@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 more prominent.

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