



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

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NVS-215MR
15V-790

Subject: Brake Caliper Mounting Bolts may be Loose

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/2015

Mfr's Report Date: November 23, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-790

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:DISC:CALIPER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 6

Problem Description:

VT Hackney, Inc. (VT Hackney) is recalling certain model year 2015 Kidron Refrigerated Trailers manufactured April 28, 2015, to April 30, 2015 and equipped with certain Meritor EX225L2 or EX225L+ 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:

VT Hackney will notify owners, and their dealers will inspect the caliper bolts, tightening them as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in December 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.

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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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,



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