



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Jeff Hintz
Warranty Manager
Vanguard National Trailer Corporation
289 East Watertower Drive
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NVS-215MR
15V-847

Subject: Brake Caliper Bolts may be Loose

Dear Mr. Hintz:

This letter serves to acknowledge Vanguard National Trailer Corporation'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:

VANGUARD/CIMC DRY FREIGHT TRAILER/2015-2016
VANGUARD/CIMC REEFER TRAILER/2015-2016

Mfr's Report Date: December 15, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-847

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:DISC:CALIPER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 85

Problem Description:

Vanguard National Trailer Corporation (Vanguard) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 CIMC Dry Freight and Refrigerated trailers manufactured October 22, 2014, to October 2, 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:

Vanguard will notify owners, and dealers will inspect the caliper bolts, tightening them as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in January 2016. Owners may contact Vanguard customer service at 1-219-253-2000, or Meritor customer service at 1-866-668-7221. Vanguard'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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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