



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

January 29, 2016

Mr. Jeff Hintz  
Warranty Manager  
Vanguard National Trailer Corporation  
289 East Watertower Drive  
Monon, IN 47959

NVS-215MR  
16V-025

**Subject:** Improperly Seated Brake Chamber Diaphragm

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/DRY FREIGHT VAN TRAILER/2014-2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** January 15, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-025

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 96

**Problem Description:**

Vanguard National Trailer Corporation (Vanguard) is recalling certain model year 2014-2015 Dry Freight Van Trailers manufactured November 22, 2013, to November 12, 2014, equipped with certain Haldex Life Seal Type 30/30 Long Stroke Air Brake Actuators. The affected vehicles may experience brake drag due to an improperly seated diaphragm in the brake chamber.

**Consequence:**

Brake drag may result in a wheel end fire..

**Remedy:**

Vanguard will notify owners, and dealers will replace the actuators, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in February 2016. Owners may contact Vanguard customer service at 1-888-253-3008. Vanguard's number for this recall is 15E-017.

**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).

We have received Vanguard'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).

The information in your report suggests that Vanguard may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6

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