



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

August 9, 2016

Mr. Peter Weis
Polar Tank Trailer, LLC.
12810 County Road 17
Holdingford, MN 56340

NEF-150MR
16V-524

Subject: Improperly Machined Trailer Spring Brake Valve

Dear Mr. Weis:

This letter serves to acknowledge Polar Tank Trailer, LLC.'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:

POLAR TANK/DOT 406 TANK TRAILER/2014-2016
POLAR TANK/DOT 407 TANK TRAILER/2014-2016
POLAR TANK/DOT 412 TANK TRAILER/2014-2016
POLAR TANK/MC 331 TANK TRAILER/2014-2015
POLAR TANK/NON-CODE TANK TRAILER/2014-2016

Mfr's Report Date: July 8, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-524

Components:

PARKING BRAKE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 109

Problem Description:

Polar Tank Trailer, LLC (Polar Tank) is recalling certain model year 2014-2016 DOT 406, DOT 407, DOT 412, MC 331 and Non-Code trailers manufactured January 1, 2014, to April 28, 2016. These trailers are equipped with certain Bendix SR5 spring brake valves which may have been improperly machined which could cause a delay of application of the spring brakes while parking.

Consequence:

If there is a delay of the spring brake application, the trailer may roll away after it has decoupled from the tractor, increasing the risk of a crash or injury.

Remedy:

The remedy for this recall is still under development. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Polar Tank customer service at 1-320-746-2255.

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 update your 573 to describe your remedy plan once it has been determined.

We have received Polar Tank'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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

We understand that Bendix will supply the required quarterly recall completion rate reports for this campaign.

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 a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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