



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Randy McArthur  
4-Star Trailers, Inc  
PO Box 75395  
Oklahoma City, OK 73147

NEF-150MR  
17V-036

**Subject:** Brake Fluid Leak from Ruptured Brake Line

Dear Mr. McArthur:

This letter serves to acknowledge 4-Star Trailers, 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:**

4-STAR/HORSE GOOSENECK/2012-2016

**Mfr's Report Date:** January 17, 2017

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 17V-036

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:DISC:CALIPER

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 109

**Problem Description:**

4-Star Trailers, Inc. (4-Star) is recalling certain 2012-2016 Gooseneck Horse trailers. The hydraulic brake line may rupture where it connects to the brake caliper, resulting in a brake fluid leak and a loss of braking.

**Consequence:**

If the hydraulic brake line ruptures there may be a loss of brake power, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

4-Star will notify owners, and dealers will change the brake line compression fitting to a banjo fitting, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact 4-Star customer service at 1-800-848-3095.

**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 4-Star's proposed owner notification letter and have provided you with our edits.

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.

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.

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