



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Alyson Bennett  
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NEF-150MR  
17V-606

**Subject:** Caliper Bolts Improperly Torqued/FMVSS 121

Dear Ms. Bennett:

This letter serves to acknowledge Silver Eagle Manufacturing Company'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:**

SILVER EAGLE/VAST-20W/2018

**Mfr's Report Date:** September 28, 2017

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 17V-606

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR  
SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:DISC:CALIPER

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 20

**Problem Description:**

Silver Eagle Manufacturing Company (Silver Eagle) is recalling certain 2018 Vast20W converter dolly trailers, equipped with MPA/MTA suspensions and Meritor EX225 brakes. The brake caliper bolts on these axles may not be properly torqued which can allow the caliper to detach from the mounting flange. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 121, "Air Brake Systems."

**Consequence:**

If the caliper bolts are improperly torqued and the caliper detaches from the mounting flange, a loss of braking ability would occur, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Silver Eagle has notified owners, and fleets will be reimbursed by Meritor to inspect the bolts, and replacing any loose or missing ones. The recall began on October 10, 2017. Owners may contact Silver Eagle customer service at 1-800-547-6792 or the Meritor call center at 1-866-668-7221.

**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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The Defect Information report that Silver Eagle submitted is missing the chronology information and does not include a description of the remedy plan or the remedy schedule.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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).

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