



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

October 25, 2017

Mr. Ty Hanten  
Director of Quality  
Trail King Industries, Inc.  
300 East Norway  
Mitchell, SD 57301

NEF-150MR  
17V-614

**Subject:** Caliper Bolts Improperly Torqued

Dear Mr. Hanten:

This letter serves to acknowledge Trail King Industries, 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:**

TRAIL KING/FIFTH-WHEEL LIVE BOTTOM/2018

**Mfr's Report Date:** October 2, 2017

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 17V-614

**Components:**

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

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 2

**Problem Description:**

Trail King Industries, Inc. (Trail King) is recalling certain 2018 Fifth Wheel Live Bottom trailers, model OLB844NG-HH, manufactured with MPA/MTA suspensions equipped with 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.

**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:**

Trail King has notified owners and will inspect the caliper bolts, replacing any loose or missing ones, free of charge. The recall began on October 13, 2017. Owners may contact Trail King customer service at 1-800-843-3324.

**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).


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

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