



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Shari Solomon
General Counsel
John Evans Manufacturing Co.
225 Lincoln Highway
Fairless Hills, PA 19030

NEF-150MR
17V-632

Subject: Diaphragm Degradation may Cause Brakes to Engage

Dear Ms. Solomon:

This letter serves to acknowledge John Evans Manufacturing Co.'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:

EVANS/FLATBED TRAILER/2017-2018

Mfr's Report Date: October 6, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-632

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:SUPPLY:QUICK RELEASE VALVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 7

Problem Description:

John Evans Manufacturing Co. (John Evans) is recalling certain 2017-2018 Flatbed trailers. The air brake diaphragm on these vehicles may degrade and allow the brake system air to leak from the quick release valve causing the emergency brakes to engage.

Consequence:

Partial or full application of the emergency brakes can cause the wheel-end to overheat or a drag slowing or stopping the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

John Evans will notify owners, and service centers will install heavy duty diaphragms in the quick release valves, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin December 4, 2017. Owners may contact John Evans customer service at 1-704-436-2590.

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 be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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.

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