



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Gary Spoelstra
West-Mark
581 Industry Way
Atwater, CA 95301

NEF-150MR
17V-646

Subject: Caliper Bolts Improperly Torqued/FMVSS 121

Dear Mr. Spoelstra:

This letter serves to acknowledge West-Mark'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:
WEST-MARK/TANKER/2011

Mfr's Report Date: October 12, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-646

Components:
SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:DISC:CALIPER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1

Problem Description:

West-Mark is recalling one 2011 2TANCX3A tanker trailer manufactured with an MPA/MTA suspension equipped with Meritor EX225 brakes. The brake caliper bolts on this axle may not be properly torqued which can allow the calipers to detach from the mounting flange. As such, this vehicle fails to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 121, "Air Brake System."

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:

West-Mark will notify the owner, and a dealer will inspect the bolts, replacing any loose or missing ones, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in October 2017. Owners may contact West-Mark customer service at 1-800-692-5844. West-Mark's number for this recall is C17AB.

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 amend your defect Information report to specify that only one 2011 model, and no 2010 models are affected.

We have received West-Mark'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 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 long horizontal stroke at the end.

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