



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Steve Novak
Burch Tank and Truck
2253 Enterprise Drive
Mount Pleasant , MI 48858

NEF-150MR
17V-735

Subject: Caliper Bolts Improperly Torqued

Dear Mr. Novak:

This letter serves to acknowledge Burch Tank and Truck'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:

HEIL/CARGO TANK/2017

Mfr's Report Date: November 20, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-735

Components:

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

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2

Problem Description:

Burch Tank and Truck (Burch) is recalling certain 2017 Heil Cargo tank 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.

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:

Burch has notified owners, and fleets will be reimbursed by Meritor to inspect the bolts, and replace any loose or missing ones. The recall began on October 3, 2017. Owners may contact Burch customer service at 1-800-882-7640 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.

It is our understanding that notification to owners began on October 3, 2017, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for Burch to do a renotification, the follow-up notification must be submitted to this office for review and it must comply with the requirements of Part 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision" and Part 577.10, "Follow-up notification."

Please provide a copy of the letter that was mailed to customers on October 3, 2017.

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