



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. James Felleggy
Warranty Manager
Walker Stainless Equipment Company LLC
625 State Street
New Lisbon, WI 53950

NEF-150MR
17V-833

Subject: Caliper Bolts Improperly Torqued/FMVSS 121

Dear Mr. Felleggy:

This letter serves to acknowledge Walker Stainless Equipment Company LLC'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:

WALKER/TANK TRAILER/2018

Mfr's Report Date: December 20, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-833

Components:

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

Potential Number of Units Affected: 15

Problem Description:

Walker Stainless Equipment Company LLC (Walker) is recalling certain 2018 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. 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, the caliper can detach resulting in a loss of braking ability, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Walker has notified owners, and dealers will inspect the bolts, replacing any loose or missing ones, free of charge. The recall began on January 5, 2018. Owners may contact Walker customer service at 1-800-356-5734. Walker's numbers for this recall are W-6430 and W-6431.

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.

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.

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).

The information in your report suggests that Walker may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please explain when Walker was notified of the issue and what other significant events occurred between Meritor's recall decision and Walker's filing on December 20, 2017.

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 "J. Timian", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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