



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

January 3, 2023

Mr. Brock Vander Veen  
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Itasca, IL 60143-1285

NEF-107KL  
22E-102

**Subject:** Loose Brake Pad Retaining Clip May Damage Tire

Dear Mr. Vander Veen:

This letter serves to acknowledge Hendrickson USA, L.L.C.'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:**

HENDRICKSON/VANTRAAX/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 29, 2022

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 22E-102

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:DISC:PADS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 12

**Problem Description:**

Hendrickson USA, L.L.C. (Hendrickson) is recalling certain Vantraax trailer slider suspension and axle assemblies with part number VANTRAAX.34502, equipped with Haldex Brake ModuLT Gen II Air Disc Brakes. The retaining clip in the brake pad retaining assembly may be loose or could detach, loosening the brake pad.

**Consequence:**

A retaining clip or bracket that detaches can damage the brake pad, reducing brake performance, damage a tire valve, causing a flat tire, or become a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

All affected VanTraxx assemblies have been inspected and repaired as necessary and therefore no owner notification letters will be sent. The affected vehicle manufacturer was notified on September 23, 2022. Owners may contact Hendrickson customer service at 1-630-773-911.

**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.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 eight 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.

Hendrickson USA, L.L.C.'s contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at [kristin.lepper@dot.gov](mailto:kristin.lepper@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement