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RE: New Safety Recall Notice – NHTSA 12V - 171

Dear Aluminum Company Trailer Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

The Aluminum Trailer Company has determined that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain Aluminum Trailer Company trailers equipped with Dexter Axle electric/hydraulic actuators. This defect involves premature wear of some of the critical components of the pumps in these actuators. This could result in the pump becoming inoperable which can cause loss of braking effort by the trailer.

Your trailer has been identified as included in this recall. Please examine the electric/hydraulic brake actuator on your trailer by opening the kit box to see if it is one of the recalled units. The serial number can be found on the E/H actuator label.

The affected ranges are as follows:

K71 – 650 – 00 (E/H 1000 psi) – serial # DTS 11903 to DTS 12759

K71 – 651 – 00 (E/H 1600 psi) – serial # DTS 13805 to DTS 14751

If the unit is in one of the affected ranges, please do not use your trailer until the unit has been replaced.

To correct this condition:

Contact: Dexter Axle

Phone: 1-800-400-2164

Hours: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time

You may also contact the Aluminum Trailer Company at 574 – 773 – 8360 to obtain assistance. If you believe that the Aluminum Trailer Company has failed or is unable to remedy the defect without charge within a reasonable time, you may submit a complaint to:

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

or call the toll free number:

Vehicle Safety Hotline at (888) 327 – 4236 or TTY: (800) – 424- 9153; or go to
<http://www.safercar.gov>

If you had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information contact the Aluminum Trailer Company (574 – 773 – 2440)

We regret any inconvenience, which this action may cause you. This program is being carried out to insure your safety.

Your prompt attention to this important matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Tom Vanderputten
Service and Warranty Manager
Aluminum Trailer Company