



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

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MR. MELVIN F. STOLTZFOOS
GENERAL MANAGER
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40 HESS ROAD
LEOLA, PA 17540

NVS-215Ird
12V-240

SUBJECT: E/H BRAKE ACTUATOR

DEAR MR. STOLTZFOOS:

This letter serves to acknowledge Belmont Machine Company's (Belmont) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the trailer 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:
BELMONT TRAILER/GN16LD/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-240

Mfg's Report Date: May 18, 2012

Components: EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1

Summary:

BELMONT MACHINE COMPANY (BELMONT) IS RECALLING ONE MODEL YEAR 2011 BELMONT GN16LD TRAILER EQUIPPED WITH A DEXTER AXLE ELECTRIC/HYDRAULIC (E/H) BRAKE ACTUATOR PUMP. THIS PUMP MAY NOT HAVE BEEN PROPERLY HEAT TREATED. THIS CONDITION CAN CAUSE PREMATURE WEAR OF SOME CRITICAL COMPONENTS IN THIS PUMP WHICH CAN RENDER THE UNIT INOPERABLE.

Consequence:

THE E/H BRAKE ACTUATOR PROVIDES BRAKING POWER TO THE TRAILER BRAKES. FAILURE OF THE ACTUATOR CAN RESULT IN THE LOSS OF BRAKING EFFORT BY THE TRAILER, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

BELMONT HAS NOTIFIED THE OWNER, AND A DEXTER AXLE DEALER WILL REPLACE THE ELECTRIC/HYDRAULIC (E/H) BRAKE ACTUATOR PUMP, FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT BELMONT MACHINE COMPANY AT 1-717-556-0040.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

It is our understanding that the owner was notified on May 18, 2012, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. In the future, a draft of the proposed owner notification letter is to be submitted to this office for review, no less than five days prior to mailing it.

We have received Belmont's owner notification letter.

Your contact for this recall will be Edison Thompson, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, by email at Edison.Thompson@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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