



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Samuel Romaninsky
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NVS-215KS
12E-055

Subject: Weld Failure of the HY-Rail Guide Wheel Units

Dear Mr. Romaninsky:

This letter serves to acknowledge Harsco Rail'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:

HY-RAIL/HR4000 SERIES B UNIT/9999

HY-RAIL/HR4100 SERIES B REAR UNIT/9999

Mfr's Report Date: December 18, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12E-055

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 76

Problem Description:

Harsco Rail is recalling certain aftermarket HY-RAIL HR4000 series B and HY-RAIL HR4100 series B rear guide wheel units. These units are installed for use on various work trucks to enable the vehicle to travel on railroad tracks. The potentially affected units may have been manufactured with an insufficient weld on the upper structure.

Consequence:

If the weld fails on the guide wheel unit while the vehicle is traveling on a roadway, it could create a potential road hazard, increasing the risk of a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

Notification to owners began on December 10, 2012. Authorized repair facilities will weld on a retrofit kit, free of charge. For more information, owners may contact Harsco Rail at 1-803-822-9160.

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

It is our understanding that notification to owners began on December 10, 2012, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for Harsco Rail 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."

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).

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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@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