



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Julie Timmer  
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Maxion Wheels/Hayes Lemmerz  
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Northville, MI 48168

NVS-215JN  
13E-002

**Subject:** Steel Wheel Separation

Dear Ms. Timmer:

This letter serves to acknowledge Maxion Wheels/Hayes Lemmerz '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:**

HAYES LEMMERZ/STEEL WHEELS/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** January 18, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13E-002

**Components:**

WHEELS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 732

**Problem Description:**

Hayes Lemmerz International Commercial Highway, Inc. (Hayes Lemmerz), is recalling certain commercial steel wheels, model 10073 with date codes ending in A030912 and B030912. These wheels were sold as aftermarket/replacement equipment or installed as original equipment on various commercial highway vehicles (highway tractor, truck, trailer and bus applications). Due to an inadequate weld between the wheel disc and rim, the disc can separate from the rim.

**Consequence:**

Separation of the rim and tire from the vehicle can result in a loss of control and a vehicle crash.

**Remedy:**

Hayes Lemmerz will notify affected aftermarket/replacement wheel distributors and vehicle manufacturers. The vehicle manufacturers will notify owners of vehicles that may have had the affected wheels installed as original equipment. The recall is expected to begin by the end of January 2013. Vehicle owners should contact their vehicle manufacturer and owners of the aftermarket wheels should contact their aftermarket distributor. For further information and questions, Hayes Lemmerz may be contacted at 1-734-737-5205.

**Notes:**

This recall is a supersession of recall 12E-044. 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](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins 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).

Maxion must submit a sample of the envelope in which you intend to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY," "RECALL," and "NOTICE," in any order, must be printed on the envelope in all capital letters, in a type larger than that used in the address section, and in a manner distinguishable from the other type in a manner other than size (for example, in a different font or color).

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 Joshua Neff who may be reached by phone at 202-366-0698, or by email at [joshua.neff@dot.gov](mailto:joshua.neff@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto: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 the first name being more prominent.

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