



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Ms. Christine Wright
Project Manager
Meritor, Inc.
2135 West Maple Road
Troy, MI 48084

NVS-215KS
13E-012

Subject: Leaking Brake Pressure may Lead to Wheel End Fire

Dear Ms. Wright:

This letter serves to acknowledge Meritor, Inc.'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:
MERITOR/DRIVE AXLE/9999

Mfr's Report Date: February 27, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13E-012

Components:
PARKING BRAKE:DRIVELINE:AIR:CHAMBER

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,003

Problem Description:

Meritor, Inc. is recalling certain axle assemblies that were built with disc brakes using MGM J24 series air brake chambers. In the affected axles, the brake chambers may leak pressure allowing the parking brake to drag when it is supposed to be released. Brake dragging could lead to overheated brake components.

Consequence:

Overheated brake components could result in a fire.

Remedy:

Meritor will notify owners and will inspect the affected brake chambers, and correct the issue as needed, free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin March 19, 2013. Owners may contact Meritor at 1-866-668-7221.

Notes:

Meritor's campaign recall is C-13AA. 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>.

This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ12-011, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

The information in your report suggests that Meritor may have been aware of this issue more than five business days before filing a report with NHTSA. Please be reminded that under Federal law, this agency is to be notified of all safety defect and/or noncompliance decisions within five business days. 49 CFR 573.6 Significant civil penalties can be assessed for this violation.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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,



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