

SAFETY RECALL NOTIFICATION
NHTSA RECALL NO. 13V-204

August 8, 2013

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Attention: Mr. Gary Ferreira
1000 23rd Avenue, Building 1000
Port Hueneme, California 93043-4301

Dear Mr. Ferreira:

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

John Evans Manufacturing Co. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain trailers manufactured between September 5, 2012 and April 19, 2013 at our Sumter, South Carolina facility. The defect involves wheel lug nuts that may have been fastened using a procedure that did not assure the lug nuts were torqued to the wheel manufacturer's specification in all instances.

Low torque on a wheel lug nut could lead to separation of the tires and rims from the wheel-end assembly, which could result in a vehicle crash, serious injury or property damage.

Your vehicles identified on the enclosed spreadsheet may be affected. For this reason, we ask that you arrange for your vehicles to be inspected and any defect corrected without delay. The cost of this service will be reimbursed to you by John Evans Manufacturing Co. Recommended procedures for checking and setting the torque are attached. The work will take approximately one hour per trailer to complete.

After completion of the work, please submit your invoice with authorization number E-201315 and a list of vehicle identification numbers for the serviced equipment to:

John Evans Manufacturing Co.
1050 Pocalla Road
P. O. Box 669
Sumter, SC 29151

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If you have any problem obtaining the needed service, please contact the John Evans Manufacturing Co. customer service department at 1-803-436-3102. We will assist in arranging for prompt attention to your vehicles. If you have any concerns or need any other assistance, please contact me, Jerry Clontz, at jclontz@evans-trailers.com and 1-803-436-3102.

If you have had your vehicle repaired prior to receipt of this notice, you may be entitled to reimbursement if you incurred any out-of-pocket cost due to this matter. For further information, please contact us at the number listed above.

Federal law requires any lessor who receives a notification of a determination of a safety-related defect or noncompliance pertaining to any leased motor vehicle to send the notice to the lessee within 10 days.

We regret any inconvenience that this action may cause you. However, we are concerned about your safety, and we have notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of this program. If you are unable to have these defects remedied without charge, you may submit a complaint to:

Administrator
U. S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Defects Investigation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Alternatively, you may call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Jerry Clontz

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