



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  
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Troy, MI 48084

NVS-215KS  
13E-071

**Subject:** Misaligned Lock Washer and Pin

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/REMAN AXLES FOR TRAC INTE/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 23, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13E-071

**Components:**

SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:NON-POWERED AXLE ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 100

**Problem Description:**

Meritor, Inc. is recalling certain RMT14512ABS and RMT14612 trailer axles that were remanufactured for Trac Intermodal between June 1, 2013 and June 30, 2013. During remanufacturing, the axles may have been assembled with the lock washer and pin misaligned.

**Consequence:**

The misalignment could prevent the pin from engaging. Additionally, the jam nut would not be torqued to specification, creating the potential for wheel separation, which could increase the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Meritor will notify Trac Intermodal, and Meritor service personnel will inspect and repair the axles, as necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin on January 20, 2014. Owners may contact Meritor at 1-800-535-5560. Meritor's number for this recall is C14AB.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

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.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements are already in effect. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

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](mailto:kelly.schuler@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,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement