



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

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Mr. Barry Mitchell
Director, Customer Service/Warranty
Great Dane Trailers
602 E. Lathrop Avenue
Savannah, GA 31402

NVS-215KS
14V-113

Subject: Brackets for Cargo Restraint Plates may Fail

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

This letter serves to acknowledge Great Dane Trailers'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:

GREAT DANE/FLATBED TRAILER/2013-2015

Mfr's Report Date: March 11, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-113

Components:

STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,008

Problem Description:

Great Dane Trailers (Great Dane) is recalling certain model year 2013-2015 flatbed trailers. In the affected trailers, the brackets used to store aluminum J-hook cargo restraint plates may break and allowing the cargo restraint plates that are stored on the bracket to fall from the trailer.

Consequence:

If the bracket breaks, the falling restraint plates may become a road hazard for drivers of other vehicles, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Great Dane will notify owners, and dealers will replace the defective brackets with a newly designed bracket, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Great Dane at 1-800-633-4176.

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.

We have received Great Danes's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please provide a sample of the envelope that great Dane will use to notify owners about the safety defect. The envelope must include the label found at: http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers/New_Recall_Label

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

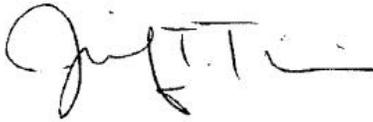
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

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