



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

July 3, 2014

Ms. Judy Bear
Ameritrail, Inc.
1005 S Front Street
Bellville, TX 77418

NVS-215MR
14V-295

Subject: Trailer Brake Actuator may Fail Prematurely

Dear Ms. Bear:

This letter serves to acknowledge Ameritrail, 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:

RANCH KING/GN24-21E/2011
RANCH KING/GN36-25D42/2011
RANCH KING/GN40-21D42/2011
RANCH KING/MFDD36-242/2011

Mfr's Report Date: June 3, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-295

Components:

SERVICE BRAKES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5

Problem Description:

Ameritrail, Inc.(Ameritrail) is recalling certain model year 2011 Ranch King GN24-21E, GN36-25D42, GN40-21D42, and MFDD36-242 trailers equipped with certain Carlisle Hydrastar and Hydrastar XL trailer brake actuators. One of the rotating components in the hydraulic pump for the brake actuator missed a heat treating operation causing the actuator to wear at a higher than normal rate. As a result, the hydraulic pump could fail and result in a loss of braking ability in the trailer.

Consequence:

Loss of braking ability can lead to loss of control of the trailer, increasing the risk of a crash, serious injuries, or property damage.

Remedy:

Ameritrail will notify owners, and dealers will replace the actuator, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in July 2014. Owners may contact Ameritrail customer service at 1-407-892-1100.

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.

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at 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 a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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