



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

September 22, 2014

Mr. Brian Strahl
President
Dakota Trailer Manufacturing, Inc.
1200 Gehl Drive
Yankton, SD 57078

NVS-215SM
14V-504

Subject: Trailer Suspension Pivot Bolt Failure

Dear Mr. Strahl:

This letter serves to acknowledge Dakota Trailer Manufacturing, 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:

DAKOTA GRAIN/AIR RIDE GRAIN/2014
DAKOTA SIDE DUMP/AIR RIDE/2014

Mfr's Report Date: August 6, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-504

Components:

SUSPENSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 29

Problem Description:

Dakota Trailer Manufacturing, Inc. (Dakota) is recalling certain model year 2014 Air Ride Grain aggregate trailers manufactured October 2013 to January 2014, and Air Ride side dump trailers manufactured December 2013 to December 2014, and equipped with certain SAF-Holland-brand CBX Trailer Suspension Air Ride Axle Systems. The affected trailer suspensions have pivot bolts that may fail.

Consequence:

Failure of the pivot bolts may cause the suspension and attached axle to separate from the trailer, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Dakota began notifying owners on August 11, 2014. Dealers or SAF-Holland-approved repair shops will replace the defective pivot bolts with new pivot bolts, free of charge. Owners may contact Dakota customer service at 1-605-665-8415, or SAF-Holland customer service at 1-888-396-6501.

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.

It is our understanding that notification to owners began on August 11, 2014, prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for Dakota to do a renotification, the follow-up notification must be submitted to this office for review and it must comply with the requirements of Part 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision" and Part 577.10, "Follow-up notification."

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).

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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@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 "T".

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