

Mr. Ron Gage
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Magnum Terminal Tractors
Kalmar Industries, Inc.
1301 Cherokee Trace
White Oak, TX 75693

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Dear Mr. Gage:

We have reviewed Magnum Terminal Tractors' (Magnum) Noncompliance Information Report dated March 6, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves Magnum terminal tractors equipped with Haldex manifold dash valves (MDV), or as a service part, between June 1, 1997 and December 31, 1998. These valves do not meet the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 121, "Air Brake Systems." A loss of the isolation of the two brake system circuits can result in the loss of service brakes when there is another failure of one of the two brake circuits. The assigned ID Number for this recall campaign is 00V-002.002 (Volvo Trucks Recall No. RVXX0002).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle which fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

As stated in your report, Haldex is conducting the owner notification and remedy for this recall.

Additional Information Required:

Please provide the total number of vehicles and parts involved in this campaign. The list of customers was not attached to our copy of your letter to Haldex.

Recall Communications

Communications pertaining to safety recalls and issued by Magnum to more than one distributor, dealer, purchaser, or owner are to be submitted to this office within 5 days of issuance as described under 49 CFR Part 573.5(c)(9). Where this information is sent over a period time, the communications are to be submitted within 5 days from the date the communications were first sent, and furnish the date, or range of dates, each communication was issued. This includes information transmitted by computer, telefax, or other electronic means; and initial or interim communications. All copies are to be in readable form and a written transcript should be provided for each non-written communication. Also, if the communication was not nationally and uniformly distributed, then identify the criteria used for the distribution.

Manufacturer Communications

Part 573.8, "Notices, Bulletins and Other Communications," requires that every motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment manufacturer shall furnish a copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications (including warranty and policy extension communiques and product improvement bulletins) to manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or purchasers, regarding any defect in its vehicle or items of equipment (including any failure or malfunction beyond normal deterioration in use, any failure of performance, or any flaw or unintended deviation from design specifications), whether or not such defect is safety related. These notices or communications are to be submitted, regardless of the media used to transmit the information. Where communications are made orally or electronically, provide a transcript. In all other cases, provide the information in the media form used to transmit the information. On a case by case basis, we may require written transcripts of this material as well. Copies are to be submitted monthly, not more than 5 working days after the end of each month.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

/s/

Jonathan D. White, Chief
Recall Analysis Division
Office of Defects Investigation