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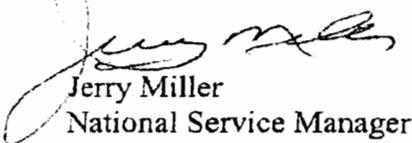
Sear Mrs. Cooke:

RE: 49 U.S.C. 30166 & Defect Notice 06E-029

On March 31, 2006, Haulmark received a notice of production recall from Dexter Axle. Dexter Axle is requesting a list vehicle, serial numbers, locations, as well as Dealer names and contact information.

Upon receiving this list, Dexter Axle will send out the repair procedures. Haulmark had (2) trailers effected by this recall. All information required, for these (2) trailers, have been sent to Dexter Axle. (please find the attached information)

Sincerely,


Jerry Miller
National Service Manager
Haulmark Industries, Inc.

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COTTONWOOD REPORTS

Jim MILLER



2900 Industrial Parkway East • P.O. Box 250
Elkhart, Indiana 46515
Fax: 574/295-8666 • Phone: 574/295-7888

March 31, 2006

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ATTN"
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LEE PARKER

Bill Irelan
Haulmark
P.O. Box 281
Bristol, IN 46507

NOTICE OF PRODUCT RECALL

Dear Customer:

Dexter Axle is entering into a voluntary recall of disc brake axles produced during a period from February, 2006 through March, 2006. Attached are the serial lot numbers of the suspect axles.

A few customers have experienced stripping of the caliper mounting fasteners while bleeding their disc brakes. While we have not experienced any failures in the field, we deemed it prudent to replace the hardware of the axles in question. Dexter Axle believes axles that were built starting in February of 2006 may have been built with nuts that strip at higher torque levels. As a remedy, Dexter Axle has quarantined all product in house, redesigned the fastener system to be more robust and has added additional torque monitoring controls in the manufacturing process.

We are requesting that you provide a list of the affected vehicles, their serial numbers and locations. We will also need dealer names and addresses, and if already retailed, the name and address of each retail owner in order for us to administer this recall campaign.

Please contact the writer if you have any questions or pertinent information to offer. If your company wishes to administrate the recall as it affects you, please note that in your comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Vaughn'.

Charles M. Vaughn, Jr.
VP of Technology
Dexter Axle Company

CMV:mkp

Attachment

TRAILER # 140244

Haulmark

A Tomkins Company

Haulmark

SHIP TO: Haulmark Industries, Inc
52400 S.R. 15
Bristol, IN 46507
United States

BILL TO:
Haulmark Industries, Inc.
P.O. Box 281
Bristol, IN 46507
United States

TO: DEXTER AXLE
P.O. BOX 360226
PITTSBURGH, PA 15251-6226
United States

PURCHASE ORDER

Copy

P.O. Number

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P.O. Date

02/28/2006

Confirming To

ATTN: RECALL
Acct#:
Phone: 260-495-5100 Fax: 260-495-1701

ATTN: Bill Ireland

Accounts Payable

Supplier Code 10583
Payment Terms 5%/10 Net 30

FOB Origin
Freight Terms Delivered

Ship Via
Special Carrier

Tax Exempt Number

Line	Our Part No.	Supplier Part No.	Description	Date Due In House	Quantity	U/M	Tax	Unit Price	Extended Price
1	306520	56835	AXLE 8K HYD DISC SPRING	03/09/2006	3	EA	N	786.0600	2,358.1800
2	306970	HAP-205-01	AXLE, HEAVY DUTY SPRING, 8000# HYDRAULIC DISC BRAKE, WITH OIL BATH 5/6-1/2 HUB, 95° TW, 69-1/2" SPRING CENTER, 4" DROP AXLE AP HAP-205-01	03/09/2006	2	EA	N	60.8700	121.7400

Deliver To: Stockroom

Deliver To: Stockroom

AXLE, HEAVY DUTY SPRING, HAP-105-00, 8000#

GALE TRAILERS
140244
LEE PARKER

Total P.O. Amount: **\$2,479.92**

Currency: United States

Receipt of P.O. Ack. By _____ Date _____

Please enter our order and ship by the date specified. This Purchase Order is governed by and issued pursuant to the terms and conditions of purchase.

1. Render all invoices to the above BILL TO address.
2. Mail a separate invoice for each shipment against the purchase order if partial shipments are made.
3. Mark all packing lists, shipping manifests, invoices, and correspondence with PO number/serial number/line number/CT#.
4. Please acknowledge receipt of this purchase order, and if not assented as written, advise us in writing with explanation.
5. Eradicate packing list with each shipment.

Buyer: _____
Bill Ireland
Phone No 574-848-0723
Fax No 574-848-9179
Early Shipments Require Advance Approval

<u>Order Number</u>	<u>Date Built</u>	<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
37861 - 43797-RT	2/8/2006	112391417	3
41079 - 43897-RT	3/14/2006	112393972	3

[date]

[customer name]

Reference: RECALL NO. XXX-XXX

Dear [manufacturer] Customer:

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Dexter Axle has determined that a defect involving motor vehicle safety may exist in certain trailers produced by [manufacturer's name] between February 2006 and March 2006. Our records indicate that you own one or more of these trailers identified with the following VIN:

[insert VIN here]

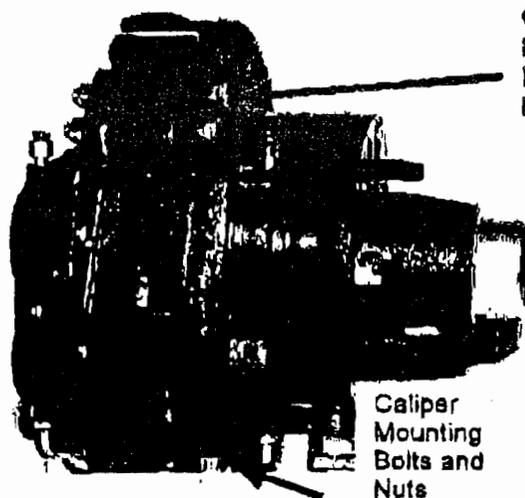
The nature of the defect relates to stripped disc brake mounting hardware. Some of the axles supplied to the trailer manufacturer from February, 2006 through March, 2006 may have caliper mounting bolts that are stripped. Insufficient clamp load between caliper and yoke can cause the caliper to disassemble and adversely affect the trailer's braking system.

Accordingly, Dexter Axle is entering into a voluntary recall campaign. The recall campaign will involve the replacement of the caliper mounting hardware.

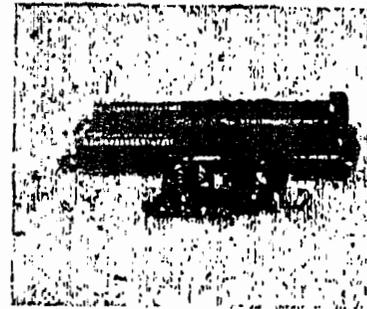
Most authorized [manufacturer] dealers can provide that service. The repairs will take approximately three hours (for a tandem axle trailer). If the dealer nearest you is not equipped to perform the repairs or if you prefer to have the work done by any other local trailer repair facility, ask them to contact the Dexter Axle Service Department for instructions.

The toll free number to call is 1-800-400-2164. Someone will be available to assist you between the hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time. Repairs will be made at no cost to you.

If you no longer own the affected vehicle or, for any other reason cannot have the recall service work performed, please notify us in writing. If the vehicle has been sold, give the name and address of the subsequent purchaser if it is known and/or the disposition of the trailer.



Caliper
Mounting
Bolts and
Nuts



Keps Nuts and Bolts

5. Torque all four Keps nuts to 30 lb ft.
6. Remount the wheel. Start wheel nuts by hand to prevent cross threading.
7. Tighten wheel nuts in a "cross pattern" following the manufacturers recommendations for proper torque setting.
8. Spin wheel to ensure proper clearance between the wheel, crossover brake line and the rotor.

Bleeding and Brake Adjustment

1. It typically is much easier to bleed the brakes with two people working together or use of a power-bleeding device.
2. Special care must be taken to insure that the Dexter E/H unit does not run out of brake fluid. Check the fluid level frequently during the bleeding process.
3. Block the wheels on the trailer and towing vehicle.
4. Loosen the bleed screw on the Dexter E/H unit and install plastic tubing onto the bleeder.
5. Immerse the free end of the plastic tubing in a clean container partially filled with brake fluid.
6. With eye protection on, open the bleeder screw one half turn on the Dexter E/H unit. Take care to protect you and the trailer from brake fluid expelled from the bleeder.
7. Activate the Dexter E/H unit by turning on the ignition switch and pressing on the brake pedal or the manual control on the in-cab controller.
8. Watch the free end of the bleeder hose for air bubbles escaping into the container.

9. Continue to bleed until the fluid becomes clear and free of bubbles.
10. Tighten the bleeder screw, turn off the Dexter E/H unit, and remove the plastic tubing from the bleeder screw. Bleeding of the actuator is now complete.
11. Install plastic tubing onto the bleeder screw of the wheel cylinder/caliper.
12. Immerse the free end of the plastic tube in a clean container partially filled with brake fluid.
13. Open the bleeder screw one half turn on the wheel cylinder/caliper farthest from the Dexter E/H unit. If towed vehicle has multiple axles, always start with the rear axle first.
14. To activate the Dexter E/H unit, turn the ignition switch on and press on the brake pedal.
15. Watch the free end of the bleeder hose for air bubbles escaping into the clear container. Continue to bleed the wheel cylinder/caliper until the fluid becomes clear and free of bubbles.

CAUTION

Do not run the Dexter E/H actuator without adequate brake fluid in the reservoir as it will damage the unit and void the warranty. Check all bleeder screws to ensure that they are securely closed and do not leak.

16. Tighten the bleeder screw, turn off the Dexter E/H unit, and remove plastic tubing from the bleeder screw. Bleeding of the wheel cylinder/caliper is now complete.
17. Refill the Dexter E/H unit with brake fluid.
18. Continue the above process (steps 11 through 17) on the next farthest brake away from the actuator.
19. Repeat these steps until all the brakes have been bled.
20. New trailers with disc brakes should be bled at least twice and then a third time after a few hundred miles use. Any air in the brake system will cause brake delay with an E/H system.

A flat rate of .5 hour rack, .5 hour/caliper, .25 hour/axle bleed will be allowed for replacing the hardware of the disc brake axles.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Vaughn, Jr.
VP of Technology
Dexter Axle Company

Attachments:

Vehicle listing