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SAFETY RECALL NOTIFICATION NHTSA RECALL NO. 13V-204

May 30, 2013

CERTIFIED MAIL –R.R.R

Penn Intermodal Leasing
Attention: Mr. V. Krishnamurti, President
191 Presidential Boulevard, Suite W-5
Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania 19004

Dear Mr. Krishnamurti:

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

John Evans Manufacturing Co. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain trailers manufactured between September 5, 2012 and April 19, 2013 at our Sumter, South Carolina facility. The defect involves wheel lug nuts that may have been fastened using a procedure that did not assure the lug nuts were torqued to the wheel manufacturer's specification in all instances.

Low torque on a wheel lug nut could lead to separation of the tires and rims from the wheel-end assembly, which could result in a vehicle crash, serious injury or property damage.

Your vehicles identified on the enclosed spreadsheet may be affected. For this reason, we ask that you arrange for your vehicles to be inspected and any defect corrected without delay. The cost of this service will be reimbursed to you by John Evans Manufacturing Co. Recommended procedures for checking and setting the torque are attached. The work will take approximately one hour per trailer to complete.

After completion of the work, please submit your invoice with authorization number E-201315 and a list of vehicle identification numbers for the serviced equipment to:

John Evans Manufacturing Co.
1050 Pocalla Road
P. O. Box 669
Sumter, SC 29151

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If you have any problem obtaining the needed service, please contact the John Evans Manufacturing Co. customer service department at 1-803-436-3102. We will assist in arranging for prompt attention to your vehicles. If you have any concerns or need any other assistance, please contact me, Jerry Clontz, at jclontz@evans-trailers.com and 1-803-436-3102.

If you have had your vehicle repaired prior to receipt of this notice, you may be entitled to reimbursement if you incurred any out-of-pocket cost due to this matter. For further information, please contact us at the number listed above.

We regret any inconvenience that this action may cause you. However, we are concerned about your safety, and we have notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of this program. If you are unable to have these defects remedied without charge, you may submit a complaint to:

Administrator
U. S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Defects Investigation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Alternatively, you may call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Jerry Clontz

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RECOMMENDED PROCEDURES FOR CHECKING AND

SETTING TORQUE

1. **Trailers with hub piloted disc wheels.** Make sure tires on at least one wheel end are on the ground and are chocked to prevent trailer from moving.
 - a. With tires on the ground, connect air to emergency glad hand to release spring brakes.
 - b. Check torques of all nuts to verify they are torqued to between 450 and 500 ft-lb.
 - c. If all torques are within specification, the procedure is complete.
 - d. If all torques are not within specification, raise each wheel end and perform the following to each wheel end:
 - i. Loosen all nuts and inspect to make sure the wheels are positioned on hub pilot properly and there is no damage to the wheels or studs.
 - ii. Retighten nuts using the crisscross sequence shown below in Figure 1 using an impact wrench or wrench.
 - iii. Lower wheel end to the ground.
 - iv. Disconnect air to emergency glad hand to engage spring brakes.
 - v. Torque wheel nuts to 475 ft-lb.
 - vi. When all wheel ends have been checked and the nuts re-torqued, if necessary, the procedure is complete.

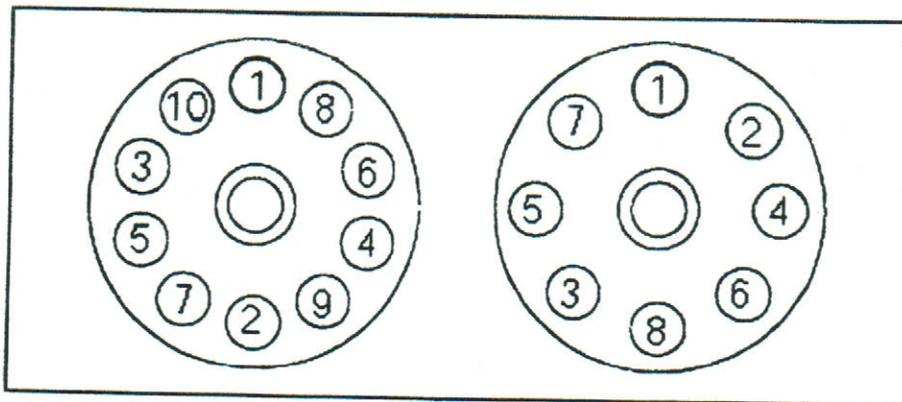


Figure 1: Nut Tightening Sequence for Hub Piloted Disc Wheels

2. **Trailers with stud piloted disc wheels.** Make sure tires on at least one wheel end are on the ground and are chocked to prevent trailer from moving.
 - a. Raise each wheel end.
 - b. Connect air to emergency glad hand to release spring brakes.
 - c. Loosen outer cap nuts and remove the outer wheel.
 - d. Check torques of all inner cap nuts to verify they are torqued to between 450 and 500 ft-lb.
 - e. If all inner cap nut torques are within specification, perform the following:
 - i. Reinstall the outer wheel.
 - ii. Install the outer cap nuts using the crisscross sequence shown below in Figure 2 using an impact wrench or wrench.
 - iii. Lower wheel end to the ground.
 - iv. Disconnect air to emergency glad hand to engage spring brakes.
 - v. Torque the outer cap nuts to 475 ft-lb.
 - vi. When all wheel ends have been checked and the nuts re-torqued, if necessary, the procedure is complete.
 - f. If all inner cap nut torques are not within specification, perform the following:
 - i. Loosen all inner cap nuts and inspect to make sure the wheels and studs are not damaged.
 - ii. Reinstall and retighten the inner cap nuts using the crisscross sequence shown below in Figure 2 using an impact wrench or wrench.
 - iii. Reinstall the outer wheel.
 - iv. Install the outer cap nuts using the crisscross sequence shown below in Figure 2 using an impact wrench or wrench.
 - v. Lower wheel end to the ground.
 - vi. Disconnect air to emergency glad hand to engage spring brakes.
 - vii. Torque the outer cap nuts to 475 ft-lb.

- viii. When all wheel ends have been checked and the nuts re-torqued, if necessary, the procedure is complete.

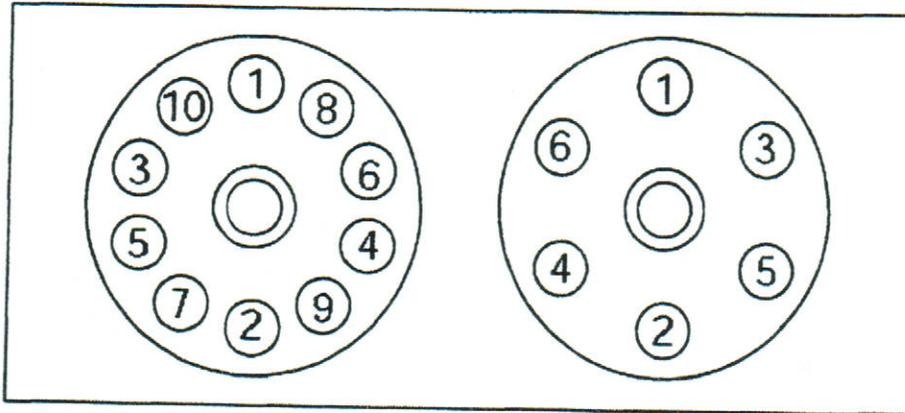


Figure 2: Nut Tightening Sequence for Stud Piloted Disc Wheels

3. Trailers with spoke wheels.

- a. Spoke wheels do not require spring brakes to be released.
- b. Check and tighten nuts using the crisscross sequence shown below in Figure 3. Wheel nut torques should be 250 ft-lb.

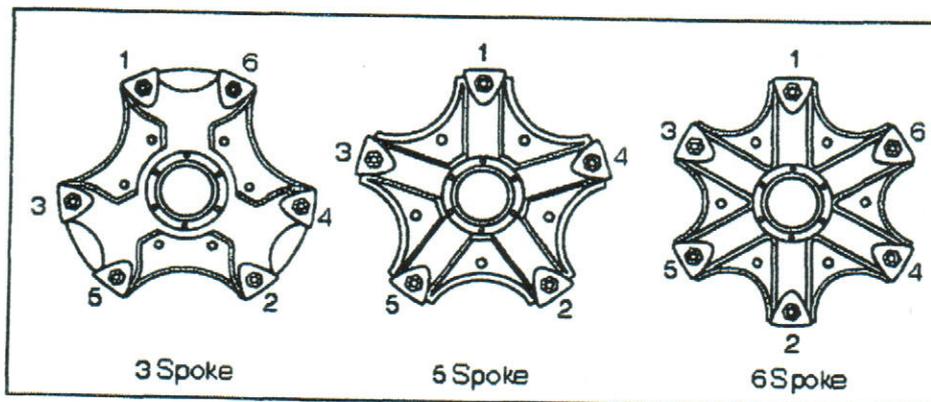


Figure 3: Nut Tightening Sequence for Spoke Wheels

- 4. Reel trailers with 16 ½ inch wheels.** Make sure tires on at least one wheel end are on the ground and are chocked to prevent trailer from moving.
- a. With tires on the ground, connect air to emergency glad hand to release spring brakes.
 - b. Check torques of all nuts to verify they are torqued to 100 ft-lb.
 - c. If all torques are within specification, the procedure is complete.

- d. If all torques are not within specification, raise each wheel end and perform the following to each wheel end:
- i. Loosen all nuts and inspect to make sure the wheels and studs are not damaged.
 - ii. Retighten nuts using the crisscross sequence shown below in Figure 2 using an impact wrench or wrench.
 - iii. Lower wheel end to the ground.
 - iv. Disconnect air to emergency glad hand to engage spring brakes.
 - v. Torque wheel nuts to 100 ft-lb.
 - vi. When all wheel ends have been checked and the nuts re-torqued, if necessary, the procedure is complete.

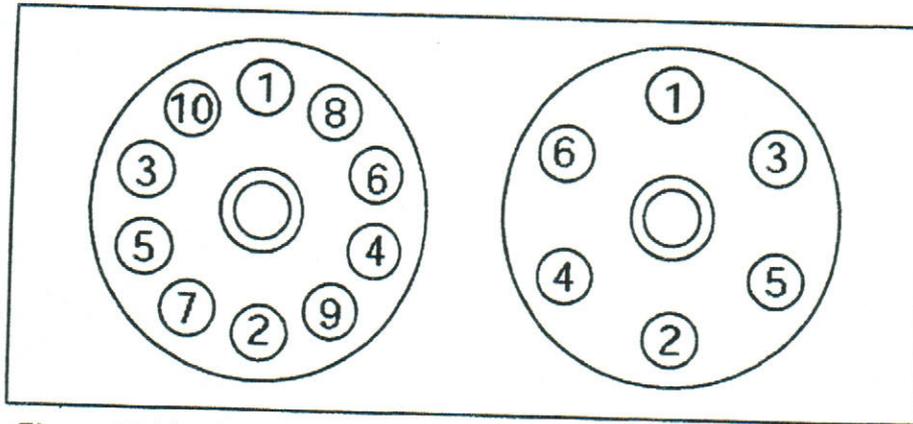


Figure 2: Nut Tightening Sequence for Stud Piloted Disc Wheels

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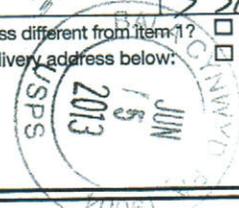
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