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Great Dane

March 11, 2014

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Aluminum J-Hook Holder Brackets

This notice is being sent in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573 of the National Highway Traffic Safety Act.

Great Dane Trailers has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in 1,008 Great Dane flatbed trailers model year 2013, 2014 and 2015. The brackets, mounted each side of the trailer, used for storing the aluminum J-hook cargo restraint plates may break and detach from the trailer along with the cargo restraint plates stored on the bracket. This failure could lead to the bracket and/or plates being run over by the trailer or other vehicles resulting in loss of control, damage or a crash.

To address and remedy this defect Great Dane Trailers will replace all defective J-hook holder brackets with a new design bracket. Customers should present their trailer/s to the nearest Great Dane Branch or Dealer for inspection and replacement of the defective brackets.

Great Dane Trailers has determined the VIN's of the trailers on which the defective brackets were installed and is in the process of compiling a list of the customer names and addresses. Great Dane will notify these customers, Branches, and Dealers per the attached customer recall notification letter as soon as it has been approved by your office and a recall number has been assigned.

If after your review of this information should you have any questions or need additional information please let us know.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry A. Mitchell".

Barry A. Mitchell – Director, Customer Service/Warranty

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