



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Richard Hoffman
Executive Vice-President
S&S Truck Parts, Inc.
600 W. Irving Park Road
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NVS-215KS
14E-033

Subject: Incorrectly Manufactured Drag Link Assemblies

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

This letter serves to acknowledge S&S Truck Parts, 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:

S&S TRUCK/NEWSTAR DRAG LINK/9999

Mfr's Report Date: June 27, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14E-033

Components:

STEERING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 109

Problem Description:

S&S Truck Parts, Inc. (S&S Truck) is recalling certain Newstar brand aftermarket drag link assemblies (DLA), part number S-22084, sold for aftermarket installation on certain Kenworth and Peterbilt trucks. The affected DLAs were not manufactured to the proper specifications and cannot be properly installed on the vehicles. If the installation is forced, failure of the steering system may occur.

Consequence:

A failure of the steering system may result in loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

S&S Truck will notify owners, and dealers will replace the DLAs, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in early August 2014. Owners may contact S&S Truck customer service at 1-800-621-1553.

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.

We have received S&S Truck's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@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 a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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