



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

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NVS-215SM
14V-493

Subject: trailer Suspension Pivot Bolt Failure

Dear Luther Newman:

This letter serves to acknowledge VT Hackney, 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:

HACKNEY/BEVERAGE TRAILER/2013-2014

Mfr's Report Date: July 23, 2014

NHTSA Campaign Number: 14V-493

Components:

SUSPENSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 9

Problem Description:

VT Hackney, Inc. (VT Hackney) is recalling certain model year 2013-2014 Side Loading Beverage Trailers manufactured December 5, 2013, to April 5, 2014, and equipped with certain SAF-Holland-brand CBX Trailer Suspension Air Ride Axle Systems. The affected trailer suspensions have pivot bolts that may fail.

Consequence:

Failure of the pivot bolts may cause the suspension and attached axle to separate from the trailer, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

VT Hackney will notify owners, and dealers will replace the pivot bolts, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in September 2014. Owners may contact VT Hackney customer service at 1-800-763-0700. VT Hackney's number for this recall is 14E-024.

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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@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