



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

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NVS-215MR  
15E-039

**Subject:** Wheel Attaching Studs may Fail

Dear Mr. Meckstroth:

This letter serves to acknowledge Industrial Axle Company'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:**

ALKO AXIS AXLES/BRAKE HUB/DRUM ASSEMBLY/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** May 7, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15E-039

**Components:**

SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:NON-POWERED AXLE ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,255

**Problem Description:**

Industrial Axle Company (IAC) is recalling certain ALKO AXIS Axles, model numbers H52, QF48, QF52, QF60, QF70, D52, D60, T52, and T60, part number 363239.9, manufactured March 9, 2015, to April 17, 2015. The affected axle hubs have wheel mounting studs that may fail.

**Consequence:**

If the wheel studs break while the trailer is being used, wheel separation may occur, increasing the risk of a vehicle crash.

**Remedy:**

IAC will notify the vehicle manufacturers that purchased the affected hubs and dealers for those manufacturers will notify the trailer owners. The axle hubs and drums will be inspected, and depending on the date of production, the hub and drum will be replaced, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact IAC customer service at 1-800-400-2164 or IACWarranty@industrialaxles.com.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received IAC'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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at [michelle.rice@dot.gov](mailto:michelle.rice@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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