



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

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NEF-107KL
21E-067

Subject: Spindle Nuts Improperly Tightened

Dear Paul Durbin:

This letter serves to acknowledge Terran Axle LLC'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:

TERRAN AXLE/SPINDLE NUT/9999

Mfr's Report Date: July 23, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21E-067

Components:

SUSPENSION: MULTIPLE AXLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5,796

Problem Description:

Terran Axle LLC (Terran Axle) is recalling certain Trailer Axles part number 020401. The spindle nuts on these axles may have been improperly tightened during assembly.

Consequence:

Improperly torqued spindle nuts may cause excessive axle vibration, and overheat the bearings that can affect vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Dealers will manually inspect the spindle nuts for proper torque and bearing damage. The spindle nuts will be properly tightened and bearings replaced as necessary, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed July 26, 2021. Owners may contact Terran Axle customer service at 1-312-741-3848.

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.nhtsa.gov.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

An identification and description of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(5)). All filings should state an increased risk of either a crash, injury or fire.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Per the requirements of 49 USC 30119, please provide the part number, name and description of the component or components involved in this recall. This information should be provided in an amended 573 in the "Involved Components" section.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

We have received Terran Axle'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:

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).

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.

Terran Axle LLC's contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement