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NVS-215kjs
08E-038

SUBJECT: TRAILER AXLE HUBS/REPLACEMENT STUDS

DEAR MR. AUDIMOOLAM:

This letter serves to acknowledge ArvinMeritor, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect for the product listed below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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:

ARVINMERITOR/TRAILER AXLE HUBS/9999

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08E-038

Mfg's Report Date: June 5, 2008

Components: POWER TRAIN:AXLE HUBS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5,392

Summary:

ARVINMERITOR IS RECALLING CERTAIN REPLACEMENT WHEEL STUDS WITH PART NO. NC-11 MANUFACTURED BETWEEN APRIL 7 AND MAY 19, 2008. THESE WHEEL STUDS WERE ALSO ASSEMBLED INTO TRAILER AXLE HUBS AND SOLD TO VARIOUS VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS FOR USE ON HEAVY TRUCKS. THE SUSPECT WHEEL END STUDS WERE IMPROPERLY TEMPERED, POTENTIALLY RENDERING THEM BRITTLE AND SUSCEPTIBLE TO FRACTURE. IF ONE WHEEL STUD FRACTURES, THE REMAINING WHEEL STUDS ARE REQUIRED TO CARRY MORE LOAD. IF LEFT IN THIS CONDITION, THE REMAINING WHEEL STUDS MAY ALSO FRACTURE EVEN IF THEY ARE PROPERLY MANUFACTURED.

Consequence:

FRACTURED WHEEL STUDS COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:

ARVINMERITOR IS WORKING WITH THE VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS TO NOTIFY OWNERS AND THEY WILL REPLACE ANY AFTERMARKET REPLACEMENT STUD FREE OF CHARGE. EACH VEHICLE MANUFACTURER WILL SUBMIT A DEFECT REPORT AND FILE A REMEDY PLAN. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JUNE 2008. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT THEIR VEHICLE MANUFACTURER FOR MORE INFORMATION. IF YOU HAVE PURCHASED THESE WHEEL STUDS AS REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT, YOU SHOULD CONTACT ARVINMERITOR AT 1-248-435-8793.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the follow items:

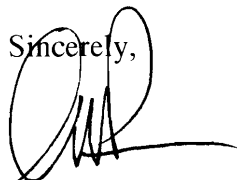
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification 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).

ArvinMeritor must file a sample of the envelope which you intend to use to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY", "RECALL", "NOTICE" in any order must be printed on the envelope in larger font than the customers name and address.

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, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement