



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

May 22, 2013

Mr. John Clontz
John Evans Manufacturing Co.
1050 Pocalla Road
Sumter, SC 29150

NVS-215KS
13V-204

Subject: Wheel Lug Nuts May Loosen

Dear Mr. Clontz:

This letter serves to acknowledge John Evans Manufacturing Co.'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:
JOHN EVANS/CHASSIS/TRAILER/2013

Mfr's Report Date: May 14, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-204

Components:
WHEELS:LUGS/NUTS/BOLTS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 380

Problem Description:

John Evans Manufacturing Co. (John Evans) is recalling certain model year 2013 chassis and trailers manufactured September 5, 2012, through April 19, 2013. The wheel lug nuts may not be properly torqued.

Consequence:

Insufficient torque on the wheel lug nuts could lead to separation of the wheels from the chassis or trailer, which may increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

John Evans will notify owners, and dealers will inspect each trailer. The affected trailers will have the lug nuts re-torqued, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact John Evans customer service at 1-803-436-3102.

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>.

We have received John Evans' proposed owner notification letter and envelope and they are 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 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 expected owners will 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.

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 long horizontal stroke at the end.

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