July 2, 2009

MARTIN FORSYTH
DIRECTOR OF WARRANTY
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SUBJECT:  QUICK RELEASE VALVES/HALDEX/MERITOR WABCO

DEAR MR. FORSYTH:

This letter serves to acknowledge Hyundai Translead’s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

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:
HYUNDAI TRANSLEAD/CHASSIS/2008
HYUNDAI TRANSLEAD/CONVERTER DOLLY TRAILER/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-247

Mfg’s Report Date: June 17, 2009

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, AIR: SUPPLY: QUICK RELEASE VALVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 572
Summary:
HYUNDAI TRANSLEAD IS RECALLING 572 CONVERTER DOLLY TRAILERS MANUFACTURED FOR FEDEX GROUND AND EQUIPPED WITH CERTAIN HALDEX QUICK RELEASE VALVES (QRV). THE RUBBER DIAPHRAGM INSIDE THE QRV MAY EXPERIENCE DELAMINATION RESULTING IN SIGNIFICANT LEVELS OF AIR PRESSURE LEAKAGE PAST AND/OR THROUGH THE DIAPHRAGM, OR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A BUBBLE IN THE DIAPHRAGM WHICH MAY TRAP AIR PRESSURE IN THE VALVE AND NOT ALLOW THE SERVICE BRAKES TO RELEASE.

Consequence:
MALFUNCTION OF THE AIR BRAKE SYSTEM COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

Remedy:
HYUNDAI TRANSLEAD IS WORKING WITH HALDEX TO NOTIFY OWNERS. HALDEX IS HANDLING THE REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN PLEASE SEE 09E-004. HALDEX WILL REPAIR THE AFFECTED VEHICLES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JULY 2009. OWNERS CAN CONTACT HALDEX AT 816-891-2470.

Notes:
CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO 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.

This recall was the subject of an Equipment Query, EQ-09-003, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

We have reviewed your proposed envelope and owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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 Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@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,

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