



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Eric Swanson  
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NEF-107MR  
22V-298

**Subject:** Parking Brake Will Set Unexpectedly

Dear Mr. Swanson:

This letter serves to acknowledge Kalmar Solutions, 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:**

KALMAR/OTTAWA/2015-2022

**Mfr's Report Date:** May 4, 2022

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 22V-298

**Components:**

PARKING BRAKE:CONVENTIONAL:AIR

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 687

**Problem Description:**

Kalmar Solutions, LLC (Kalmar) is recalling certain 2015-2022 Ottawa T2 trailers. The trailer handbrake valve and the parking brake valve vent lines are plumbed together. This can cause the parking brake to set unexpectedly when the trailer handbrake is released. As such, these vehicles fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard number 121, "Air Brake Systems."

**Consequence:**

A parking brake that sets unexpectedly can cause unintended vehicle motion, and increase the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Dealers will replace the tee fitting on the handbrake valve and reroute the parking brake valve and handbrake valve separately, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed on May 20, 2022. Owners may contact Kalmar's customer service at 1-785-229-6327.

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



Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Per the requirements of 573.6(c)(2)(iv), please provide the supplier name, contact information, address and country of origin (if known) for the park brake valve and hand brake valve. If your company manufactured the component itself, then please state so in 573.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

Your company's program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of your company's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with § 573.13. Your company's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by § 573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in your company's report to NHTSA. If your company submits one or more general reimbursement plans, your company shall update each plan every two years (§ 573.13). If the vehicles are new and would be covered under the manufacturer's warranty program, please state that in the remedy section of your filing.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

We have received Kalmar's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.

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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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.

Kalmar Solutions, LLC's contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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