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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-2151  
05V-028

Subject: KOMFORT/ALUMINUM RIMS

Dear MCMASTER:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

KOMFORT/28FS/2004  
KOMFORT/29FS/2004

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-028

**Recall Date:** January 12, 2005

**Components:**

WHEELS: RIM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 18

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN FIFTH WHEEL TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH ALUMINUM WHEELS, THE THICKNESS OF THE WHEEL MAY NOT ALLOW FOR ENOUGH THREAD ENGAGEMENT OF THE LUG NUTS.

**Consequence:**

LACK OF THREAD ENGAGEMENT COULD ALLOW THE WHEEL TO SEPARATE FROM THE TRAILER AND A CRASH COULD OCCUR WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE WHEELS. THE RECALL BEGAN JANUARY 4, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT KOMFORT AT 800-554-2711.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. (1) The word “determined” in the second paragraph should be changed to “decided.” (2) A risk/consequence needs to be added to the end of the second paragraph, i.e., “The tire could separate from the vehicle while the vehicle is being driven, which could result in a crash without warning.” (3) A sentence should be added concerning leased vehicles, i.e., Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

The owner notification letter must be modified to accommodate this information, but owners which may have already been notified by Komfort need not be re-notified. A second notification letter on this recall, in full compliance with Part 577, may be required depending on the performance of this recall.

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), must 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. As stated in your report, the recall began January 4, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2005.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division