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NVS-215
05V-215

Subject: CROSSROADS/WHEEL CRACKS/RFD

Dear MR. BENSMAN:

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, as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

CROSSROADS/CRUISER/2005
CROSSROADS/ZINGER/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-215

Recall Date: May 06, 2005

Components:

WHEELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 131

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH RFD WHEELS, THERE IS A DEFECTIVE WELD OF THE WHEELS' CENTER HUB TO THE WHEEL'S RIM.

Consequence:

THIS COULD RESULT IN A WHEEL SEPARATION INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

RFD COMPONENTS IS CONDUCTING THE OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT RFD COMPONENTS AT 574-295-3939 OR CROSSROADS AT 260-593-2866.

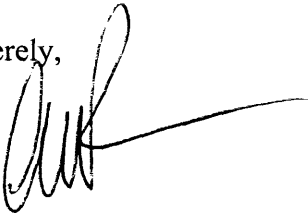
Notes:

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

As stated in your report, RFD Components will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.5 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If RFD Components' campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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 or delia.lopez@nhtsa.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