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of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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LINDA PHILLIPSEN
SKYLINE CORPORATION
2520 BYPASS ROAD
ELKHART IN 46514-1584

NVS-215
05V-238

Subject: CROSS MEMBER AND GOOSENECK SUPPORT

Dear MS. PHILLIPSEN:

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:

SKYLINE/ALJO/2005
SKYLINE/LAYTON/2005
SKYLINE/NOMAD/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-238

Recall Date: May 20, 2005

Components:

TRAILER HITCHES:FIFTH WHEEL ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 9

Summary:

ON CERTAIN FIFTH WHEEL TRAVEL TRAILERS, THERE IS INADEQUATE SUPPORT IN THE FRONT C-CHANNEL CROSS MEMBERS AND GOOSENECK WHICH COULD CAUSE THE FIBERGLASS CAP TO BE DAMAGED AND/OR THE FRONT CROSS MEMBER TO BUCKLE OR BOW.

Consequence:

IF THE CROSS MEMBER BUCKLED OR BOWED ON THE TRAILER WHILE BEING TOWED, A CRASH COULD OCCUR.

Remedy:

SKYLINE WILL RETURN THE UNIT TO THE FACTORY AT ITS EXPENSE, REPLACE THE 7-GAUGE C-CHANNEL CROSS MEMBER WITH A TUBE STEEL CROSS MEMBER AND RETURN THE UNIT TO THE OWNER. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MAY OR JUNE 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT SKYLINE AT 1-800-929-1080.

Notes:

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

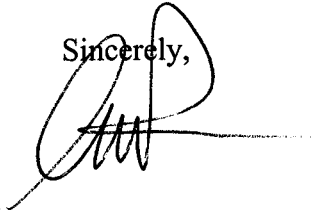
Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and you need to add a risk at the end of the "Reason for this recall" paragraph, i.e., If the cross member buckles or bows while the trailer is being towed, a crash could occur.

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 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).

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 be "G. Person", written over a horizontal line.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division