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of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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NVS-215
05V-332

Subject: ALUMINUM TOOLBOX BRACKET

Dear MR. FRIEHE:

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:
REINKE/TRAILER/2003-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-332

Recall Date: July 25, 2005

Components:
EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 548

Summary:

ON CERTAIN COMBINATION STEEL/ALUMINUM FLATBED, DROPDECK, AND ALUMINUM FLATBED TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH MOUNTED TOOLBOXES. EACH TOOLBOX IS ATTACHED TO THE TRAILER WITH A MOUNTING SYSTEM THAT INCLUDES TWO ALUMINUM BRACKETS WHICH MAY HAVE DEVELOPED FATIGUE CRACKS ALONG THE BEND RADIUS LINES. SMALL CRACKS MAY FURTHER DEVELOP BASED ON TRAILER USAGE. THE BRACKET MAY BREAK CAUSING THE TOOLBOX TO SEPARATE FROM THE TRAILER.

Consequence:

IF THE TOOLBOX SEPARATES FROM THE TRAILER WHILE THE TRAILER IS IN MOTION, VEHICLES ON THE ROAD ARE AT RISK OF COLLISION WITH THE TOOLBOX AND ITS CONTENTS.

Remedy:

OWNERS WILL NEED TO FIND A CERTIFIED WELDER TO HAVE THE REMEDY PERFORMED. REINKE IS PROVIDING THE ALUMINUM GUSSETS ALONG WITH DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE WELDER. IF OWNERS ARE NOT ABLE TO LOCATE A CERTIFIED WELDER, REINKE WILL PERFORM THE SERVICE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON JULY 29, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT REINKE AT 1-877-762-1001.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN 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](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please provide the date of when the manufacturer became aware of the recall.

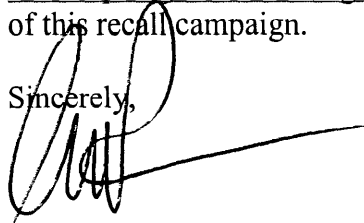
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Note: You will be assigned a NHTSA equipment number to cover the after-market parts. However, only one owner notification letter for both the vehicle and equipment recalls is necessary as you submitted.

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, owner notification is expected to begin on July 29, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 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 or 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
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement