



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215  
05V-350

Subject: WHEEL CRACKS/RFD

Dear MR. KUNDO:

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:**  
NOVAE/SURE TRAC/2005

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-350

**Recall Date:** August 01, 2005

**Components:**  
WHEELS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 26

**Summary:**  
ON CERTAIN UTILITY 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:**

NOVAE IS WORKING WITH RFD AND RFD IS CONDUCTING THE OWNER NOTIFICATION AND WILL REPLACE THE WHEELS ON AFFECTED TRAILERS. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT RFD COMPONENTS AT 574-295-3939 OR NOVAE CORPORATION AT 260-758-9838.

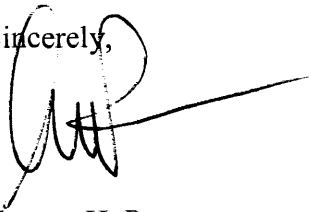
**Notes:**

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).

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](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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement