



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*September 8, 2005*

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

NVS-215  
05V-386

Subject: RIM/TREDIT TIRE

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 RAMPAGE/2005-2006  
SKYLINE/FREESTYLE/2006  
SKYLINE/LAYTON RAMPAGE/2005-2006  
SKYLINE/NOMAD RAMPAGE/2005-2006  
SKYLINE/RAMPAGE/2006  
SKYLINE/TRAILBLAZER/2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-386

**Mfg's Report Date:** August 31, 2005

**Components:**

WHEELS:RIM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 65

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN FIFTH WHEEL TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH TREDIT WHEELS, THE RIMS MAY HAVE POOR WELD QUALITY AND INSUFFICIENT PRESS FIT BETWEEN THE WHEEL RIM AND DISC.

**Consequence:**

THE CENTER OF THE WHEEL COULD SEPARATE FROM THE RIM. THE WHEEL MAY WOBBLE AND CAUSE A VIBRATION OR THE MOUNTED TIRE COULD LOSE AIR CAUSING THE TIRE TO GO FLAT, RESULTING IN A LOSS OF CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE AND INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

SKYLINE IS WORKING WITH TREDIT TIRE TO NOTIFY OWNERS AND HAVE THE WHEELS REPLACED WITH A 16" ALUMINUM WHEEL. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 6, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT SKYLINE AT 574-294-6521.

**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).

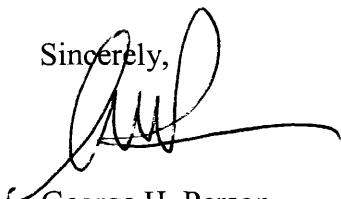
We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of part 577.

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).

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 September 6, 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](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,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement